

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Exaudi*

*Divine Service One*

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## Processional Hymn

## #868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
 2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science  
 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
 as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing  
 freshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
 sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day  
 All I design or do or say  
 That all my pow'rs with all their might  
 In Thy sole glory may unite.



6 Praise God, from whom all blessings  
 flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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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.

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 151

### Introit (sung responsively)



Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

**The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\***

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?**

Teach me your way, | O LORD;\*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

**for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,\***

**and they breathe out | violence.**

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

*and to the Holy / Spirit;*

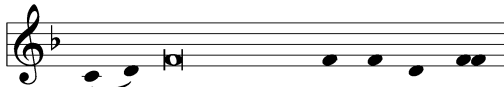
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**

*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

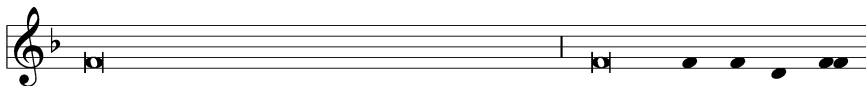
### Kyrie



**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.



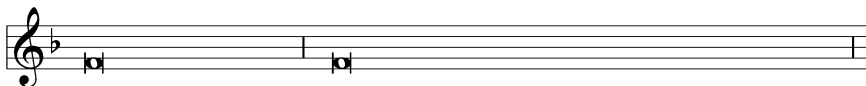
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



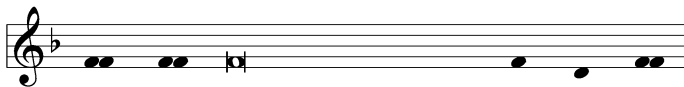
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 36:22–28*

<sup>22</sup>“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 4:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia Hymn

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## Holy Gospel

*John 15:26—16:4*

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



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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>1</sup>“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

**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

#539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Sermon

## Rite of Holy Confirmation

### Confirmation Address

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

### Profession of Faith

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*



**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe 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.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, 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.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## Confirmation Blessing

**P** *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**R** Amen.

## Collect for confirmation (1)

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your son and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for confirmation (2)

**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Peace

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Delores Scheumann, Margaret Whitesel*

*Bill Gephart (Clara Conrad's brother in law)*

*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 Nahrnold*

**Confirmation blessings to the Class of 2023**

**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** *Armed Forces Sunday*

**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**



**P** The Lord be with you.



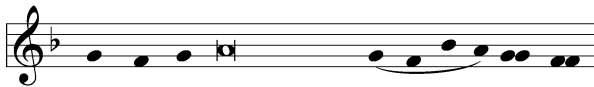
**C** And al - so with you.



**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

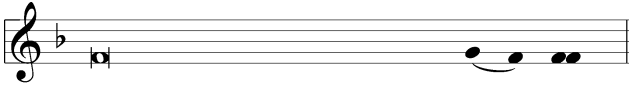
- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 always.  
**C** Amen.

## 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

#632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee  
#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
#728 How Firm a Foundation  
#714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode  
#564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand  
#713 From God Can Nothing Move Me

## 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.

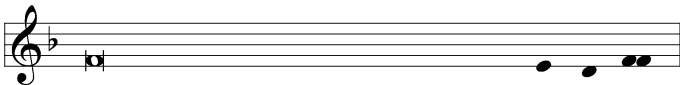
## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

**#842 Son of God, Eternal Savior**



## IN HIS SERVICE

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	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Crucifer	Jude Wirgau
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher
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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Closing Chapel Service</b>
	<b>Last Day of School</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	NO	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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<http://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**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.

**FLOWERS ADORNING the Altar this morning** are given to the Glory of God in honor and blessing of this year's Confirmation Class.

\*The congregation is invited to have cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall during Bible Class in honor of our Catechumens.

**A DOOR OFFERING** will be taken on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for Sem. Isaac Spangler to thank him for his service to Bethlehem and to wish him and his family well on Vicarge.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Starting today and through the summer, the children are welcome to join us in a family style Bible Study. We will be studying Lutheran Hymnody with a video and discussion. Please join us.

**ARMED FORCES SUNDAY – Celebrated today–** In honor of our service men and women, we have displayed past and current military members from Bethlehem on our military bulletin board. We honor you and thank you for your service.

**2023 GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 4th-** We would like to pay special recognition to our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and also all of our member 2023 High School and College graduates with a special bulletin insert. Please submit students name, any special awards and their future plans to the church office ASAP.

**During the month of May, the Women of Bethlehem LWML** will be collecting Gifts from the Heart for Phil's Friends, Orphan Grain Train, Most Ministries, and gift cards for A Place of Refuge. Please see today's insert for a list of needed items. Gift cards can be placed in the LWML mailbox located in Heidi's church office. Thank you!

**LWML** gives you the privilege to share God's blessings with others through Gifts from the Heart by donating the following items for the upcoming Milwaukee convention: puzzle books, journals, regular playing cards, fuzzy socks, hats (knit, crochet, or baseball), recycled "new and like-new" eyeglasses and gift cards in any denomination from Walmart, Target, or Kohl's. The amount of each gift card must be written on each card in a permanent marker.

**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).

**Items needed for VBS** – Please plan to stop by the VBS table in the north hallway to grab a tag and help with needed items. Registration forms are also available if you still plan to have your child attend the June 26-29 event.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for attending the April 29th Fish Fry: We were able to raise a total of \$3,889.63 with half of the proceeds going towards the Bethlehem Improvement Fund and half going to Wells County Backpack Project.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out to the 5k Run/Walk in support of MaKayla Berkey. We were able to raise \$5,000 for the family to use for expenses incurred during her cancer treatment.

**THANK YOU** to the Ladies group at Bethlehem, Words cannot begin to describe how grateful we are to you for putting this event together. We could see how much effort went into the planning of it and thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. However, thank you for all the time and effort it took to put this together for MaKayla, plus she had a blast! Berkey/Jensen famil

**WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM BAKE SALE:** Sunday, June 11th following the church service.

**Offering May 14, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$8,587.78
Synod	80.00
Loose	226.50
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	40.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Total	<u>\$9,084.28</u>

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance \$6,989.35</b>
Next week bills due: \$16,000
Bills due two weeks: \$16,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$35,610.86</b>
Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	179/141
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## 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.

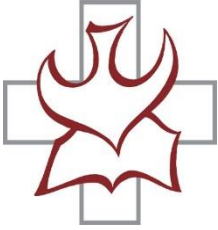
**Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.**

**Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.**

*"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" – Lutheran Service Book 498/499 (stz. 1-2)*

**(1) Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And make our hearts Your place of rest;  
Come with Your grace and heavenly aid,  
And fill the hearts which You have made.**

**(2) To You, the Counselor, we cry,  
To You, the gift of God Most High;  
The fount of life, the fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above.**



BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OSSIAN, INDIANA

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**May 21, 2023**

On Thursday evening, May 21, 2023 the following young people were publicly examined in their knowledge and understanding of Christian doctrine and have been declared eligible to be accepted into communicant membership by Bethlehem Lutheran Church by Rite of Confirmation:

**BREANNA LYNN BIGGS**

Born: May 28, 2008

Baptized: June 22, 2008

Parents: Brad A. Biggs and Christine A. Biggs

Sponsors: Robin Baker and Christella Crickard

Confirmation Verse: *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5*

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**LUKE CONRAD HARKLESS**

Born: September 2, 2008

Baptized: September 21, 2008

Parent: Lane and Jeni Harkless

Sponsors: Lisa Gerber and Ted Gallmeyer

Confirmation Verse: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*

**MOLLY FAYE MISHLER**

Born: August 21, 2008  
Baptized: August 25, 2013  
Parent: Gregory and Angela Mishler  
Sponsors:

Confirmation Verse: *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30

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**EDEN SUSANNE STOPPENHAGEN**

Born: January 8, 2009  
Baptized: February 22, 2009  
Parents: Andrew and Gay Stoppenhagen  
Sponsors: Ethan Stoppenhagen and Graham Stoppenhagen

Confirmation Verse: *Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."*

*Jeremiah 9:23-24*

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**SARENA FRANCES WIRGAU**

Born: March 1, 2009  
Baptized: March 11, 2009  
Parent: Samuel and DoRena Wirgau  
Sponsors: Jason and Emily Thompson

Confirmation Verse: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!* Psalm 111:10

***Significance of the Confirmation Circle shown on the banner:***

*The Holy Spirit (dove) who gives the gift of faith  
in Jesus (cross) continues to nurture that faith as symbolized  
by the green leaf stemming from the cross*

# THANKING GOD FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

## — *Active* —

AARON ANTHONY  
MICHAEL GRESLEY  
ROBERT GRESLEY  
GREYSON SMITH  
EVAN SPRINGER  
ABRAHAM SETH WANNER  
BROCK WERLING

## — *Veterans* —

ROBERT H. BROWN, JR.	LLOYD W. MEYER
GLENN E. BAUERMEISTER	JUNIOR E. SPRINGER
NORMAN R. BAUERMEISTER	ARNOLD C. SCHAPER
NORWIN R. BAUERMEISTER	DEAN STOPPENHAGEN
RALPH BAUERMEISTER	BRUCE G. THORPE
OTTO CLAUSEN	CHARLES TOLSON
LOREN DATHE	LINDSAY R. WRIGHT
CHRISTOPHER MEYER	WAYNE E. WERLING
MARVIN L. MEYER	WILMER P. WERLING

Thank you for your service



*"But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My  
times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and  
from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your  
servant; save me in your unfailing love."*

Psalm 31:14-16