Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Day of Pentecost

Divine Service One May 28, 2023 Vol. 125-26



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.

- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively)



The Spirit of the Lord fills the world. Alle- | luia.*

The righteous | shall be glad.

They shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant with joy! Alle- | luia.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;*

exult be- | fore him!

The Lord | gives the word;*

behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Awesome is God from his sanctu- | ary;*

the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his | people.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

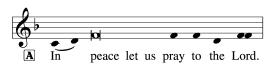
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Kyrie







A 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,



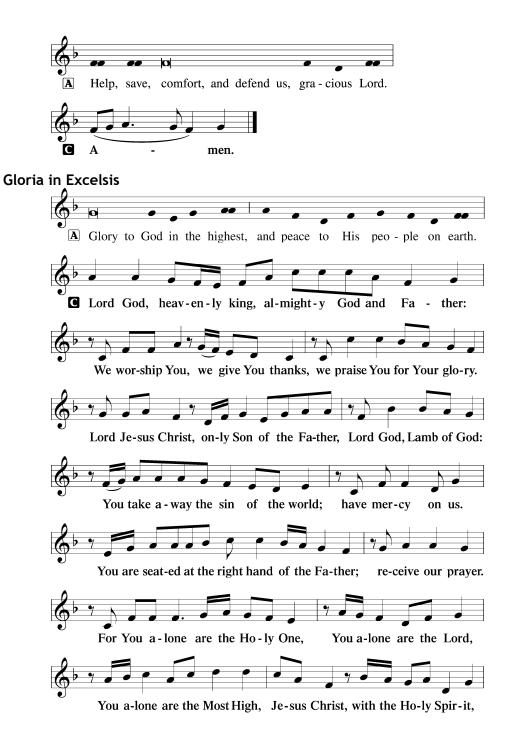
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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









Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 11:1-9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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

Second Reading Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel John 14:23–31

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



²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here."

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

#497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

Sermon

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 inlaw)

Makayla Berkey (3rd grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma)

Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton

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)

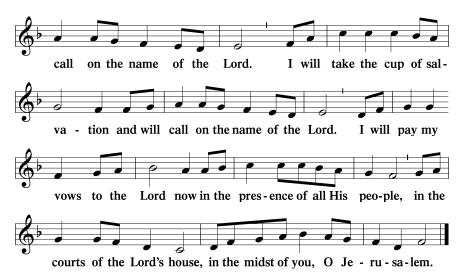
We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering





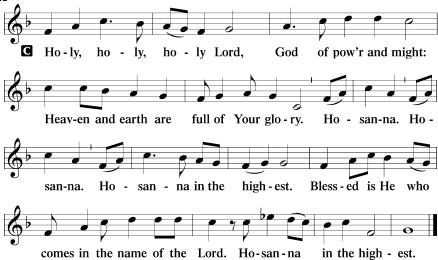
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Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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;

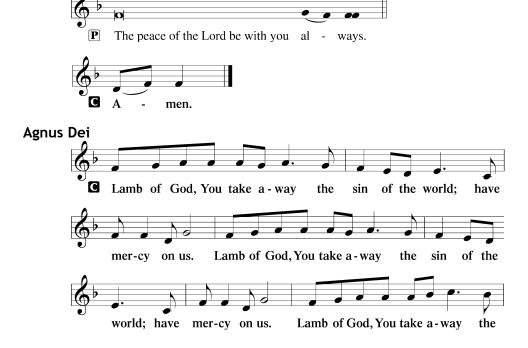
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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 Hobody, 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."



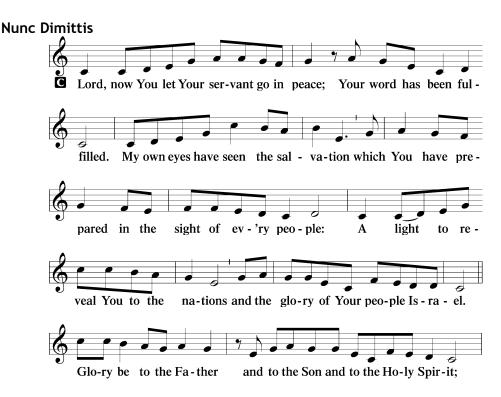


Distribution

<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

#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #503 O Day Full of Grace #605 Father Welcomes





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.



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

#917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching Rev. Samuel Wirgau Celebrant Rev. Anthony Dodgers **Fieldworkers** Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips Wendy Boehm Deaconess **Head Elder** Lloyd Meyer Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer **Elders on Duty** Richard Brinkley Kantor **Organist** Emilie Meyer Crucifer Jude Wirgau Acolyte MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling Altar Guild Chairman Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger Ushers Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121. https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 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.

<u>SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> – Throughout 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.

2023 GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 4th- We would like to pay special recognition to our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8th 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Right to Life Carnation campaign. \$245 was collected and donated to Indiana Right to Life.

<u>THANK YOU</u> – I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers, gifts and cards I received for my Confirmation. Molly Mishler

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.

<u>Items needed for VBS – Please plan</u> 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.

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

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! We appreciate all the gifts and prayers for MaKayla. Please continue to pray as we are still trying to figure out what is going on with her lungs. The Berkey and Jensen family.

Offering May 21	<u>, 2023</u>	Financial Report
Average weekly need \$	311,342	Home Fund Balance (\$3,597.74)
Home Fund Env.	\$4,905.89	Next week bills due: \$16,000
Synod	30.00	Bills due two weeks: \$5,000
Loose	311.00	Savings Account Balance \$42,650.86
Scholarship Fund		Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Improvement Fund	7,040.00	Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000
Endowment Fund	200.00	
Music Fund		
Sound System/Video		Church/Communion Attendance
Sunday School	15.75	Sunday 210/143
Copy Machine Use	14.00	Wednesday 16/10
Total	\$12,516.64	

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 learningby-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. 3-4)

(3) In You, with graces sevenfold, We God's almighty hand behold While You with tongues of fire proclaim To all the world His holy name.

(4) Your light to every thought impart, And shed Your love in every heart; The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.