# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service – Setting One October 22, 2023 Vol. 125-47

## Invocation (please stand)

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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)



The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,\*

for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.

Glorify your name, | O Lord;\*

and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\* in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,\* in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.\* Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!\*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

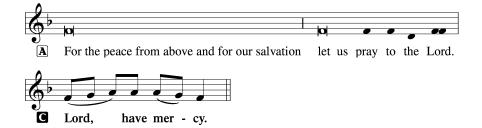
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

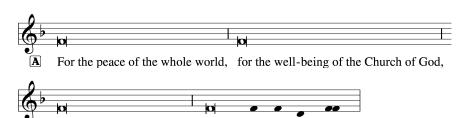
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# **Kyrie**





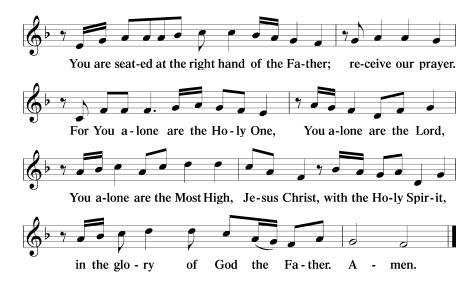


let us pray to the Lord.

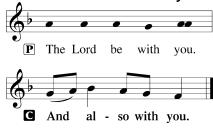


and for the unity of all





## Salutation and Collect of the Day



# P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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**

The Compassion of the LORD

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk

Isaiah 55:1-9

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without money and without price.
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
  and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
  and delight yourselves in rich food.
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;
  hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
  my steadfast, sure love for David.
<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
  a leader and commander for the peoples.
<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
  and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
  for he has glorified you.
6"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
  call upon him while he is near;
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,
  and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
  and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
  neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
  so are my ways higher than your ways
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- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

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The eyes of all | look to you,*
and you give them their food in due | season.
You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
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and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Epistle Ephesians 5:15–21

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

## Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-44

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



<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

**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

#828 We Are Called to Stand Together

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Tom Black (father of Ed Black) Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister) Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Margaret Whitesel

Joellen Meyer

Norwin Bauermeister

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

<u>In time of sorrow:</u> family of Mark V enderley (brother in-law of Steve Conrad)

We pray for protection: Pastor and Mrs. Moehring's son Stephen who is in Israel

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (home)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

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



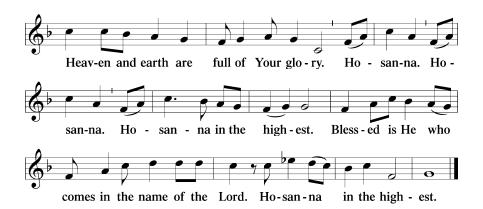


# Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**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

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**

#628 Your Table I Approach #629 What Is This Bread #510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West #699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #689 Let Me Be Thine Forever #616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



### **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** 

#830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

**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.

Church Council Meeting – Today, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:15 a.m.

### IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching /Celebrant Rev. Samuel Wirgau Fieldworker Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales Deaconess Wendy Boehm Head Elder Glen Werling Elders on Duty Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer Kantor Richard Brinkley **Organist** Emilie Meyer Acolyte Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann Altar Guild Chairman Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison Ushers Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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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	
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting	
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)	
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting	
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice	
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service	
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class	
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service	
	NO	Adult Choir Practice	
THURSDAY - FRIDAY NO School - Teachers attending INPEC			
SATURDAY	2:00 p.m.	Painting Class	
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion	
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School	

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

<u>bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com</u> or by calling the church office at 597-7121. https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 9:00 a.m. Livestream <u>OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATON MONTH</u>. Please take a moment to express your appreciation for one or more of these workers by writing a thank you note. Cards and a collection basket are located in the church foyer.

**SOUP AND BAKE SALE** – The Women of Bethlehem will be having a soup and bake sale TODAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> following the church service.

**<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>** -We are looking for individuals who would be interested in helping in the kindergarten and/or 1/2nd grade room as teachers' aides. Volunteers would be an extra hand in the classrooms, help to organize papers, work with students in small groups (playing games, helping them complete tasks) and one-on-one. Any help is welcome, even if you cannot do it every day or all day. Mrs. Streeks could use help from 9:15-11 each day and Mrs. Phillips could use help from 9:30-11 and/or 12:30-3 (would be okay if at least half the day is covered.) We are still looking for help Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Contact Mrs. Phillips, Pastor Dodgers, Mrs. Streeks, or the school office if interested.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - Please join us for the annual Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED and sign-up sheets are posted in the north hallway. Please consider helping with this holiday event. The Women's group of Bethlehem would like to include church members and people outside our membership to display their crafts or food for sale during the Holiday Bazaar on November 5. If anyone has not been contacted and wants to be included, please call Joellen Meyer at 260-273-9114 or. Diana Thorpe at 260-438-7159 to reserve a spot.

ALL SAINTS DAY - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 5th. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm 260-415-8526 or wmeyer.boehm@gmail.com with their name(s) by October 30th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

**PAINTING CLASS** -Join us Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall for a painting class with Ruth Green. Sign up for the class and a picture of what we'll be painting is on the Women of Bethlehem bulletin board. Any questions or for more information please call Jenny Bultemeier 419-230-8068 or Pat Krumma 260-622-7553.

**SQUARE DANCE** and **DINNER** The Women of Bethlehem committee is planning a night of food, music, and square dancing at Lighted Gardens on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Meal at 6:00 p.m. and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are \$20 (adult, high school and older) and \$10 (student, K-8<sup>th</sup> grade). \$25 adult ticket day of event. Tickets may be purchased at the church office, Lighted Gardens or by calling Pat Meyer at 260-227-0400.

Around the World Silent Auction & Gala tickets are on sale now! November 4, 2023 at The Lighted Gardens! Ticket prices are \$60 individual, \$110 couple, \$440 for table of 8. Contact Jennifer Bultemeier (419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307 or the school office for tickets. Our teachers work very hard, and we would like to give them a night of fun! We would like to get donations to sponsor 2 tables at our Around the World Silent Auction & Gala for our wonderful teachers and their spouses. Thank you in advance!

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is \$13.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards purchasing new blinds for the windows in the classrooms.

Offering Oct. 15,	<u>, 2023</u>	<u>Financial Report</u>
Average weekly nee	d \$13,818	Home Fund Balance \$1,230.94
Home Fund Env.	\$7,370.76	Next week bills due: \$15,000
Synod	21.83	Bills due two weeks: \$16,000
Loose	198.20	Savings Account Balance \$40,639.98
Scholarship Fund	125.00	Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Improvement Fund	45.85	Operating Loan Debt: \$19,750
Endowment Fund	25.00	
Music Fund		Church/Communion Attendance
Sunday School	7.75	Sunday 155/127
Memorials	115.00	Wednesday 19/13
Total	\$7,909.39	

#### RECITATION & PRAYER FOR SCHOOL 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.

What are 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.

What is the Apostles' 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.
- A hymn may be sung.
- Scripture Reading and 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.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows. What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?

And [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.

What is Romans 10:9-10?

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10:9-10