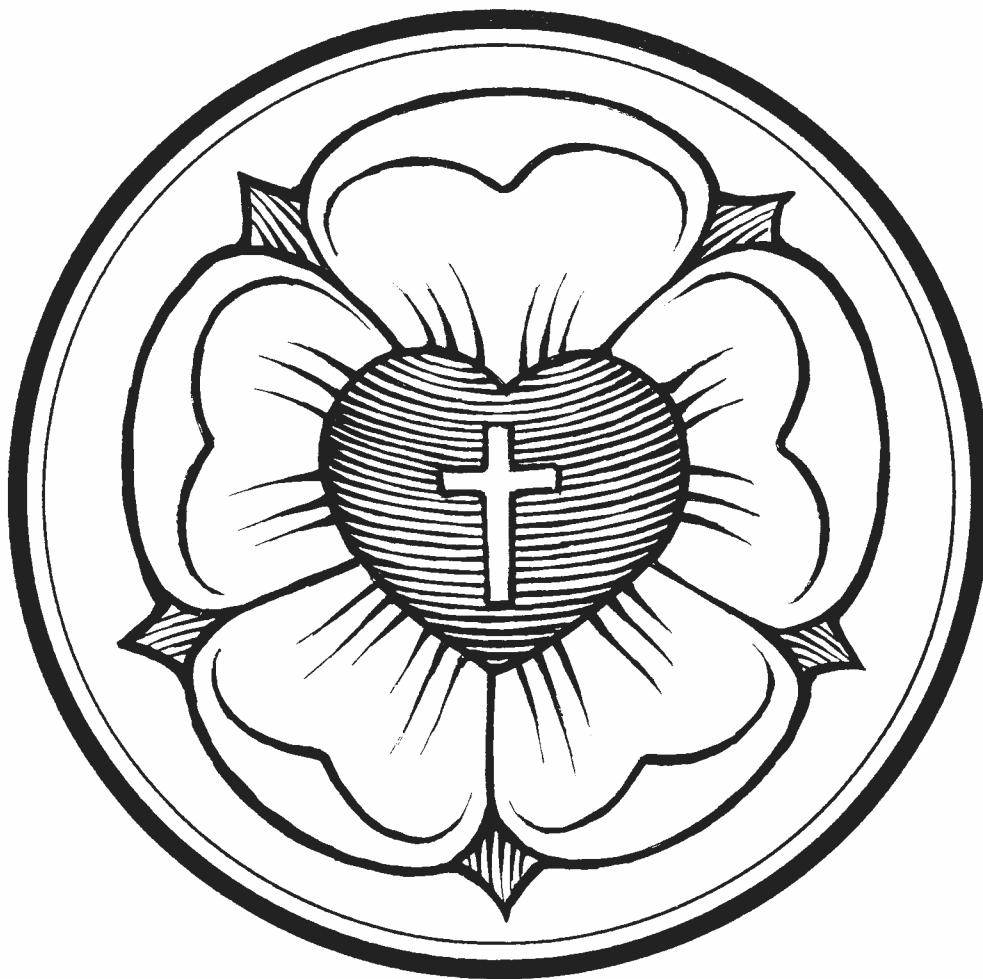


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Reformation Sunday

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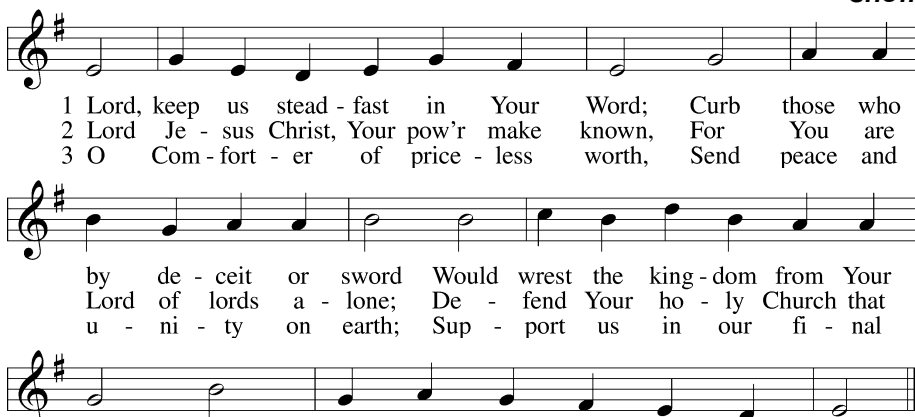
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Processional Hymn

#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Choir sings vs 2



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug
 Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 213

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

*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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie

#942 Kyrie! God, Father

Gloria In Excelsis

#948 All Glory Be to God Alone

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a

loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response *“Salvation unto us has come”*

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, **“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed (spoken responsively) pg. 319

Hymn of the Day

#656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

Marriage Blessing: *Brett and Grace (Bauermeister) Comman*

In time of sorrow: *family of Ralph Busse (brother of Ruth Bienz)*

We pray for protection: *Pastor and Mrs. Moebring'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. 216

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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

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

Sanctus

#960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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

#630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
#631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
#645 Built on the Rock
#865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain
#556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Post-Communion Hymn

#617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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** Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Recessional Hymn

#582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

IN HIS SERVICE

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| Preaching | Rev. Samuel Wirgau |
| Celebrant | Rev. Anthony Dodgers |
| Fieldworker | Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales |
| Crucifer | Hunter Householder |
| Deaconess | Wendy Boehm |
| Head Elder | Glen Werling |
| Elders on Duty | Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer |
| Kantor | Richard Brinkley |
| Choir | Adult Choir |
| Acolyte | Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann |
| Altar Guild Chairman | Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison |
| Ushers | Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann Peyton Laley, Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick |

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| Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers | 616-648-6489 |
| Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley | 260-705-4105 |
| Deaconess: Wendy Boehm | 260-415-8526 |
| <i>Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org</i> | |

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| 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) |
| MONDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Board of Christian Education |
| | 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 |
| SATURDAY | 5:30 p.m. | Silent Auction and Gala (Lighted Gardens) |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | | (Daylight Savings) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Adult Bible Class and Sunday School |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Board of Elders Meeting |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner (school gym) |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7) |

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.

OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH. 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.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, November 12th at 11:15 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -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 5th. **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED** and sign-up sheets are posted in the north hallway. Please consider helping with this holiday event. There will be a **Cookie Walk at the Harvest Dinner**. Please bring some of your favorite cookies to the gym on Sunday morning, November 5. The proceeds from the sales will for the LWML Mites for Missions.

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.

Last chance to get your tickets for the “Around the World Silent Auction & Gala” 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)

WIDOWED BUT NOT ALONE – Those that wish to have fellowship with other widowed members of our church are encouraged to meet in the overflow today after church to discuss plans on an upcoming night out for dinner. Please see Gail Werling if you have any questions.

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 17th. 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-8th 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.

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin dinner & bake sale on Saturday November 4th 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.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH AND PROGRAM at New Hope Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 16th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Peter Brock will speak on efforts to protect albino children and spread the Gospel in Tanzania. A free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of food. RSVP to Diane Garrett 260-415-1462 or Carol Schumacher 260-223-4830

Offering Oct. 22 , 2023

Average weekly need \$13,818

Home Fund Env. \$6,547.10

Synod 23.83

Loose 144.00

Scholarship Fund

Improvement Fund 45.85

Endowment Fund

Music Fund

Sunday School 10.75

Memorials 50.00

Fellowship Hall Rent 90.00

Total \$6,911.53

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$194.88

Next week bills due: \$16,000

Bills due two weeks: \$14,000

Savings Account Balance \$40,685.83

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$25,750

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 159/110

Wednesday 13/9

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

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

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 bear false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

What does this [the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed] mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

What is Galatians 2:20?

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20