

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Sexagesima Sunday

Divine Service – Setting Three

February 4, 2024

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Order of Holy Baptism pg. 268 *Hazel Laine Todd*

Invocation

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

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



Awake! Why are you sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.***Rise up; come | to our help!**

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds you performed in their days, in the | days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you | planted;***you afflicted the peoples, but them you | set free.**

But you have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,***and we will give thanks to your name for- | ever.***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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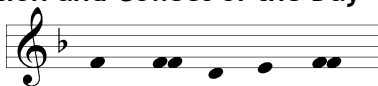
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Kyrie

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall make a name for the LORD,

an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

[Let your enemies] know that you alone, whose name | is the LORD,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

¹⁹For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? ³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³²At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. ¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— ⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Tract

O God, you have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses; *
you have been angry; oh, re- | store us.
You have made the land to quake; you have torn it | open; *
repair its breaches, for it | totters.
That your beloved ones may be de- | livered, *
give salvation by your right hand and | answer us!

Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.

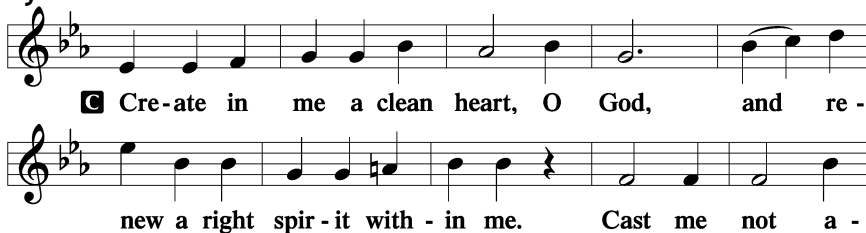
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Sermon

Offertory



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating where a note spans two words. A square symbol is placed before the first note of the first line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Pat Krumma (knee surgery)

Patsy Gallmeyer (knee surgery)

Joellen Meyer, Norwin Bauermeister

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)

Joyce Krumma (aunt of Rick Krumma)

Donita Yates (Cousin of Clara Conrad)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

Tom Black (father of Ed Black), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Baptismal Blessing: *Hazel Laine Todd*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Kristin Gresley, Sierra Patrick*

Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Margaret Moore, Reese Springer, Lauren Stoppenhagen

We pray for protection: *Pastor and Mrs. Moebring's son Stephen in Israel.*

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier- in Hospice, Marilyn Meyer (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (home), Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.**

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 al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

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

#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
#636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
#652 Father, We Thank Thee
#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

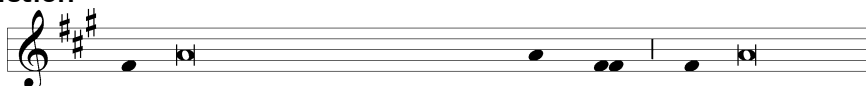


A Bless we the Lord.

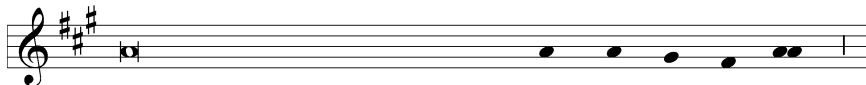


C Thanks be to God.

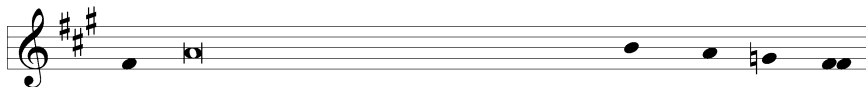
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching/Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworkers	Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolytes	Jude Wirgau and Jacob Bultemeier
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Todd Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger, Landon Geiger Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley

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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	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Women of Bethlehem Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
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Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.
<https://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.

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Hazel Laine Todd, newborn daughter of Andrew and Shelby Todd born on January 24th. Hazel's sponsors are Jared and Stephanie Fawcett and witnesses are Jessica Meyer, Kristina Todd and Thomas Bradtmueller. We welcome Hazel to the Kingdom of God and join with us of all God's blessings.

SUPER BOWL SUBS---PLEASE ORDER TODAY-- 12" deluxe subs can be purchased for \$11.00 each to support The Bethlehem Seminary Scholarship Fund. You can pick up your subs on **Sunday, February 11 from 10:15 am - 11:30 am** after church or Sunday school at the gym entrance. Please give your orders to Denise Schumm or Tisha Laley (a table will be set up in the foyer), or put your orders in the envelope in the church office by February 4. You can also order by phone at 260-301-4342. Thank you.

Lunch & Learn: All are invited to attend a presentation by Jon Zwick, funeral director for Zwick & Jahn Funeral Homes. He will be addressing various topics including: Disposition, Pre-Planning versus Prepayment, Cremation and any other questions you may have. The date is set for Saturday, February 10th at 11:00am in the fellowship hall. A free-will donation meal will be provided. Please RSVP to Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCH AND PROGRAM at New Hope Lutheran, Ossian. Thursday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m. A special program: Soarin' Hawk will be here to talk about the rescue of raptors. They will also be bringing birds with them including a bald eagle. For reservations, please call or text Diane Garrett 260-415-1462 or Carol Schumacher 260-223-4830 to reserve your spot.

There will be a VBS planning meeting on February 5th at 3:15 in the fellowship hall for those interested in helping with VBS this year. If you are unable to attend but would like more info please contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

SEMINARY GUILD - Ladies, please join the Seminary Guild on Tuesday, February 13, in Luther Hall at 1:00 pm. The guest speaker will be CTSFW President, Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr who will speak to us about "Leading CTSFW." We will be celebrating the Guild's 85th anniversary.

CHILI COOK OFF & GAME NIGHT- Friday, February 16th starting at 6:00 pm, held at New Hope Lutheran Church. Sponsored by the Bethlehem and New Hope Youth Groups to raise funds for the 2024 Higher Things Event this summer. Sign up to bring your signature chili on the sheet posted to the bulletin board. This is a free-will offering event.

CHOLOLATE DAY – Women of Bethlehem Event on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. Cindy Bergdall will be presenting how she makes chocolates with participants being able to make their own caramel pretzel along with sample as well! RSVP to Deaconess Wendy Boehm by February 18th.

Donations for New Library Bookshelves - Library Improvement Phase II

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to Phase I of our room swap for the Library and Kindergarten. It was a great success! We are now beginning to raise money for Phase II, which will improve our library with new bookshelves. These will be wooden bookshelves, handmade by a member of our church. This project will also create more space for books, with shelves for all three walls of the new library, which will add room for our collection to grow. Please consider making a donation to this beautiful and useful project. Make checks out to Bethlehem Lutheran School and include a memo: Library Phase II.

Offering Jan. 28, 2024

<u>Average weekly need</u> \$13,818	
Home Fund Env.	\$6,367.04
Synod	38.98
Loose	274.50
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	56.35
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	4.25
Home Fund Mem.	90.00
School Tuition	643.32
Library Phase II	<u>750.00</u>
Total	\$8,224.44

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$15,443.35)
Next week bills due: \$2,000
Bills due two weeks: \$12,000
Savings Account Balance \$45,852.06
Borrowed from Savings: Paid
Operating Loan Debt: Paid

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	170/135
Wednesday	15/10
<i>WOB Church Bathroom Project: \$10,387.13</i>	
<i>Library Phase II Project: \$6,186.06</i>	

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 is the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

What is Psalm 145:15-16?

**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.**

Psalm 145:15-16