

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Divine Service Three

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Order of Holy Baptism pg. 268 (*Ruby Suzanne Patrick*)

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit



Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;***in your faithfulness put an | end to them.**

O God, save me, | by your name,*

and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;***give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,***and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.***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



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

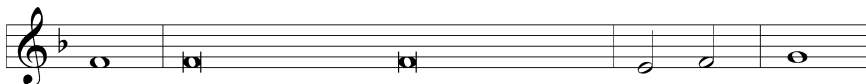


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



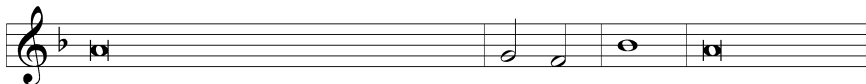
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



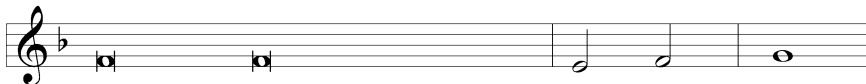
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

2 Samuel 22:26–34

- ²⁶With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
- ²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
- ²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
- ²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
- ³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
- ³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
- ³²For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?

³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.

³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory*
above the | heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–13

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management,

for you can no longer be manager.’³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#730 What Is the World to Me

Sermon

Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Installation of new church officers

Prayer of the Church

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

Garrett Werling (broken leg)
Bryce Bowman Ron Whitesel, Sandy Avey
Rbett Nabrworld (2 year old son of Adam and Allie)
Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)
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: Ruby Suzanne Patrick

We pray for our expectant mothers: Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Lynae Laley
Danielle Campbell

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

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)
Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)
Gloria Siela (living with son, Gary)
Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)
Norwin Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

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.



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

- #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- #783 Take My Life and Let It Be
- #851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
- #536 One Thing's Needful

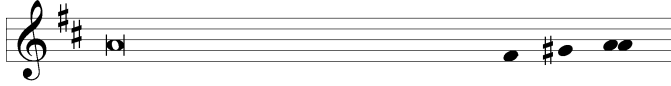
Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

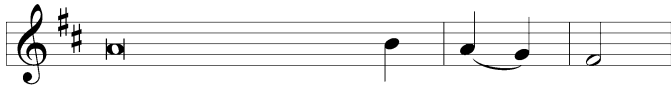


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

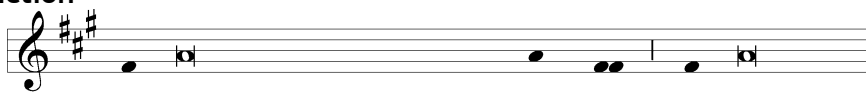


A Bless we the Lord.

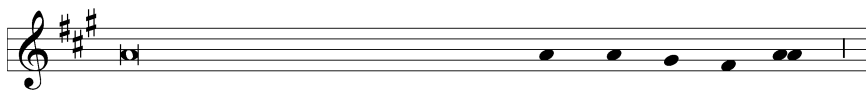


C Thanks be to God.

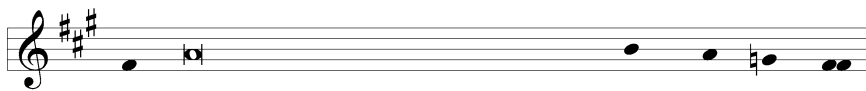
Benediction



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

#732 All Depends on Our Possessing

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching

Vicar Morgan Phillips

Celebrant

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Deacon

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Deaconess

Wendy Boehm

Head Elder

Glen Werling

Elders on Duty

Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer

Kantor

Richard Brinkley

Acolytes

Elders

Altar Guild Chairman

Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison

Ushers

Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless

Darren Patrick, Mark Patrick, Cole Patrick

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| Bethlehem Lutheran School | 260-597-7366 |
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| Deaconess: Wendy Boehm | 260-415-8526 |
| Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org | |

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossoniansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

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| TODAY | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7) |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:00 p.m. | Spoken Divine Service |
| THURSDAY | 4-7:00 p.m. | School Registration |
| SUNDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Divine Service with Holy Communion |
| | 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 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 Ruby Suzanne Patrick, newborn daughter of Darren and Sierra Patrick. Sponsors for Ruby are Josh and Wendy Boehm. We welcome Ruby to the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

INSTALLATION OF THE 2024-2025 CHURCH OFFICERS- TODAY

Chairman: Neil Stoppenhagen

Vice Chairman: Dave Flesch

Board of Elders: Bruce Meyer, Ted Schumm, Bruce Werling

Board of Trustees: Nathan Meyer, Jay Werling, Leon Werling

Board of Finance: Brian Bauermeister, Dan Buchinger, Jeff Gresley

Board of Christian Education: Lane Harkless, Jason Rekeweg, Brandon Schumm

PLEASE JOIN US for a get to know the Vicar– Sunday, August 4th, Vicar Morgan Phillips will be speaking after church in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.

SUNDAY SCHOOL -We will be offering Sunday school classes starting Sunday, August 4th. We will be discussing different sections of the catechism each Sunday. There will be a class for adults, preschool-2nd, and 3rd-8th grade. We will have regular Sunday school classes beginning after Labor Day.

A Sunday School teacher is needed for our Pre-school students. If interested, please contact Deaconess Boehm or our current Sunday School Director, Nathan Meyer.

YOUTH PROGRAM - Many parents, students, and faculty have shown interest in starting a middle school youth program. We are pleased to announce this opportunity will be happening this fall. This will be between Bethlehem and New Hope Youth. Starting in August, we will have the middle school youth (5th-8th) meet the same days/times as our high school youth which is every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6:30pm-8pm. We will have more information out soon and a start date. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Wirgau or Deaconess Boehm.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY - For those interested, we will be offering a Fall Women's Bible Study. There is a printed version of the form on the WOB bulletin board or visit our WOB FB page for an online form. We will be meeting every week or every other week starting in August and finishing before Thanksgiving.

Summer Book Club wrap up will be Saturday, August 17th at 9:00am at Crimson House. We will be discussing "The Women" and "Pride and Prejudice". All are welcome to attend.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED... to an Ice Cream Social at The Wyneken House TODAY Sunday, July 28, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ice cream, popcorn, sno-cones, beverages; also, a variety of outdoor games! Come enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship! The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Rd., just south of the Allen/Adams county line.

DONATIONS FOR SACRISTY IMPROVEMENTS--We are raising money to improve the Sacristy. We would remove the closet to add more needed space to prepare and clean up communion and other altar duties. A church member has graciously offered to help with this. We are also looking into putting in a piscina to allow the water to go directly to the ground rather than carrying containers of the wash water outside. Please consider donating to this project. If you have any questions, please see Denise Schumm, Tisha Laley, or Cheryl Louisan. Make checks payable to "The Women of Bethlehem", with memo: Sacristy Improvements.

THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL JANITORAL BIDS ARE NOW DUE – Please submit your bid for the upcoming 2024-2025 year to our Head Trustee Cale Schumm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Right to Life of Northeast Indiana's fall banquet is Monday, October 14 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The Keynote speaker will be actor Jim Caviezel! Tables are now open to sponsor! Individual tickets will go on sale soon! Please view the following link for more information and details.

<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/uniting-our-county-for-life-banquet>

THERE WILL BE A GARDENERS TABLE SET UP IN THE NORTH HALLWAY for those who would like to share their garden crops or for those wanting to enjoy taking what is on the table.

Upcoming Decatur LWML events are: Saturday, September 14 is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter Fuelling. Our speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock who will give us an update on the Tanzania Children's Home. A free-will offering will go towards the Tanzanian Mission. Saturday, October 5 is the SRD (Spiritual Resource Department) Workshop at St. Paul – Preble. We will be marking Bibles for prisons and local missions.

NEW CHURCH / SCHOOL WEBSITE – We have been working very hard to make positive changes to our new website with the help of Collin Campbell with Camphouse Marketing. We also have a new logo that was designed to better bridge church and school together functioning as a whole. Please be sure to check out the new site address, www.blcsossian.org.

Church Family Directory: At the top of the main website landing page, there is a direct link to our Church Directory through Universal Church Directories. To login you will need to have an email address. If you need your unique log in code to be sent again to your email, please contact Heidi. If you are a new member and were not in our last directory book, you do not yet have any login information. Please be patient as we continue to update this information. If you have any questions, please see Collin or Deaconess Boehm.

Offering July 21, 2024

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| <u>Average weekly need</u> | \$13,818 |
| Home Fund Env. | \$7,915.15 |
| Synod | 65.15 |
| Loose | 122.25 |
| Scholarship Fund | |
| Improvement Fund | 50.50 |
| Endowment Fund | |
| Music Fund | |
| Sunday School | |
| Memorials | 85.00 |
| Gym Rental | 100.00 |
| <u>Lutheran Foundation</u> | <u>25,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$33,338.05 |

Financial Report

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| Home Fund Balance | \$22,558.77 |
| Next week bills due: | \$25,000 |
| Bills due two weeks: | \$8,000 |
| Savings Account Balance | \$92,559.51 |
| Borrowed from Savings: | \$26,300 |
| Operating Loan Debt: | \$0.00 |

Church/Communion Attendance

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| Sunday | 156/135 |
| Wednesday | 27/20 |

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.**

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.

"With the Lord Begin Your Task" – Lutheran Service Book 865 (stz. 1-2)

(1) With the Lord begin your task;

Jesus will direct it.

For His aid and counsel ask;

Jesus will perfect it.

Every morn with Jesus rise,

And when day is ended,

In His name then close your eyes;

Be to Him commended

(2) Let each day being with prayer,

Praise and adoration.

On the Lord cast every care;

He is your salvation.

Morning, evening, and at night

Jesus will be near you,

Save you from the tempter's might,

With His presence cheer you