

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

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I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God*
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

The LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

*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.*

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | noointed!

For a day | in your courts*

is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

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,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Proverbs 4:10–23

- ¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.
- ²⁰My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
- ²²For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

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

Gradual

**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night.**

Epistle

Galatians 5:16–24

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

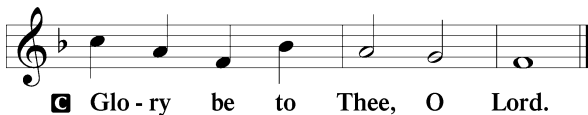
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, **“Go and show yourselves to the priests.”** And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, **“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”** ¹⁹And he said to him, **“Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon

Offertory



C 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

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing

Mike Schumm

Macie Saalfrank, Garrett Werling

Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel, Sandy Avey

Rbett Nahrwold (3 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)

Blessings on the birth of a baby girl to: *Alex and Brittany (Conrad) Clausius*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *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

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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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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 T 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 T 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.

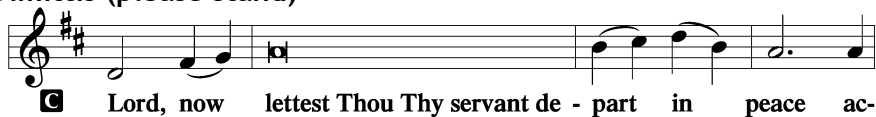
Distribution

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

- #619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
- #620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing
- #434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy
- #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing
- #691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



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,

B 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. **Amen**

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

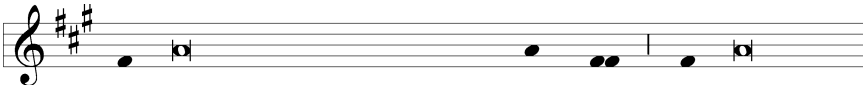


A Bless we the Lord.

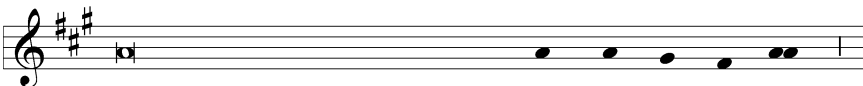


G Thanks be to God.

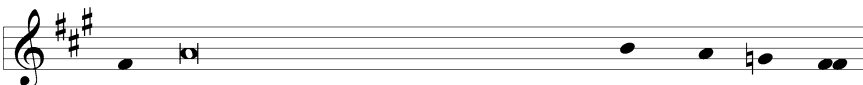
Benediction



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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Vicar	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolytes	Elders
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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Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

TODAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study

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.

DUE TO RENOVATIONS BEING MADE IN THE CHURCH NURSERY, IT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE THE NEXT 2 SUNDAYS. APOLOGIES FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

NEW CATECHESIS CLASS - Mark your calendars. Pastor Wirgau will be offering a class on Christian Doctrine from the Small Catechism for anyone who is interested beginning Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30-6:30. This class will serve as a refresher for current members who would like to continue their catechesis as well as an introductory class to the Christian faith and the teaching of our Church for all who are not members of Bethlehem. All are invited and encouraged to attend and to bring family and friends who may be interested. If you have questions or need more details, please contact Pastor Wirgau.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY -Sunday, September 8th, we will start our regular Sunday School classes. This year we will also be offering a Nursery age class (crawling-age 2). This class will go along with the Enduring Faith Sunday School Curriculum we currently use in the other classes. The purpose of this class is designed for toddlers to engage in God's word at an age-appropriate level. Depending on the age and number of children, parents may be asked to stay.

CHURCH MEDIA MEETING – For anyone interested in learning -We will have a meeting on Sunday, September 8th after church. We will train and show how to do sound/video and answer any other questions.

CARD SHOWER - Gloria Siela will be celebrating her 91st birthday on September 8. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is 127 Stangrove Cove, Fort Wayne 46845. We wish her a very Happy Birthday on the 8th and God's blessings!

BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY: As Lutherans, one of the greatest treasures that we have is the Book of Concord, which clearly exhibits what Scripture teaches. The members of New Hope Lutheran Church in Ossian would like to invite you to join us the first Thursday of every month (beginning September 5) at 3:00pm to study together this rich treasure. Then, stick around after for a time of Lutheran Fellowship. If you have any questions, please call New Hope at (260) 622-7954.

Sunday, September 15 - WOB all women's meeting at 8am in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 1 - WOB Board meeting at 7pm in Fellowship Hall

THERE IS 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.

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! Please view the following link for more information and details.

<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/uniting-our-county-for-life-banquet> ***If interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet located in the church narthex on the Right to Life table or please contact Pastor Wirgau.***

LADIES, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER! WOMEN'S RETREAT – Sept. 27-29
This is not your typical women's retreat! Spend an incredible fall weekend at Camp Lakeview in Seymour, IN, and enjoy adventures that range from the extreme (like zip lining) to the relaxing (like hot tubbing under the stars). Experience a huge faith boost through intentional times of worship, campfire devotions, speaker sessions with CPH author, Donna Snow, and personal quiet time. Get away from the stress of ordinary life to rest and enjoy a different change of pace. Enjoy fellowship with women of all ages and leave with new-found connections and friendships. This is a weekend for YOU! Register online at <https://lakeview.camp/women/>. If you would like to stay with friends, you can request your roommates when registering. After registering, please sign up on the sheet located on the WOB bulletin board in the North hallway so we know who is attending or contact Deann Oliver for more information (616-894-0144).

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.

Book Club: "Much Ado About Nothing" William Shakesphare We will meet in person at Crimson House **Saturday Sept 21** at 9:00am to discuss the book and the play.

DIAPER DRIVE – We will be collecting diapers for the Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne and the Hope Clinic in Decatur. Collection boxes will be in the church narthex.

Free Shakespeare Performance All are invited to attend Parlor City Shakespeare Company's production of "Much Ado About Nothing" at Parlor City Plaza in Bluffton. Bethlehem's members Peter Meyer and Sarena Wirgau are part of the cast. Admission is FREE, just bring your own chair and enjoy the show. September 13 & 14 - 7:30pm, September 15 - 6:30pm*, and a special Preview Night on September 12 - 7:30pm. *Possible change of venue for 9/15 performance due to conflict with Bluffton Street Fair. Check "Parlor City Shakespeare Company" facebook page for updates.

A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen. At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

WHOLYFIT IS BACK THIS FALL! LADIES: Join us on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm for HolyFit – a Christian ALTERNATIVE to yoga. Release stress, increase strength and flexibility, improve mobility, and reduce joint pain... All while meditating on God's Word. This is NOT yoga.... HolyFit is BETTER than yoga because its foundation is the only True God! Everyone starts at the same place, the beginning, and progresses at their own pace. All fitness levels are welcome! **Classes start Sept 9** and are approximately 45 min. Our first Scripture theme will be The Full Armor of God. Bring an exercise mat, water, and wear comfy clothes. Contact Deann Oliver for more information 616-894-0144

Offering August 25, 2024

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$5,865.92
Synod	15.15
Loose	179.41
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	22.35
Reimb. Salary	<u>14,900.00</u>
Total	\$21,033.33

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$734.03
Next week bills due: \$4,000
Bills due two weeks: \$14,000
Savings Account Balance \$93,298.04
Borrowed from Savings: \$26,300
Operating Loan Debt: \$0.00

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	168/104
Wednesday	22/17

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 Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is Ephesians 4:28?

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Ephesians 4:28

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

What is 1 Peter 4:8?

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8