

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Setting Three

October 6, 2024

Vol. 126-44

Invocation (Please stand)

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.

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Introit (sung responsively with the children's choir)



Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
* When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*

this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*

incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a | parable;*

I will utter dark sayings | from of old,
 things that we have | heard and known.*

that our fathers have | told us.
We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.
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.*
 Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"*
 When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears.
**[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;*
 this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

Kyrie

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

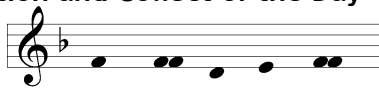
Gloria in Excelsis

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.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.”** ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, **“Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”**—he then said to the paralytic—**“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”** ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

#708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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, Martha Bauermeister, Garrett Werling

Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel, Sandy Avey

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)

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Lynae Laley, Danielle Campbell, Amelia Phillips, Reese Springer*

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)

Norvin 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



G 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.**

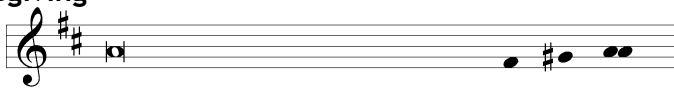
Distribution Hymns

- #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- #631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
- #611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be
- #745 In God, My Faithful God
- #748 I'm But a Stranger Here

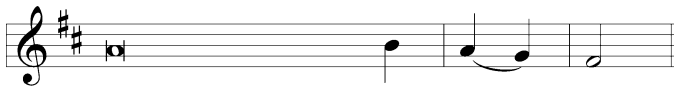
Nunc Dimittis (please stand)

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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G 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.



G A - men.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

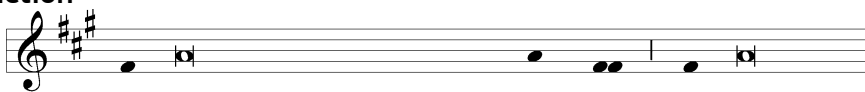


A Bless we the Lord.

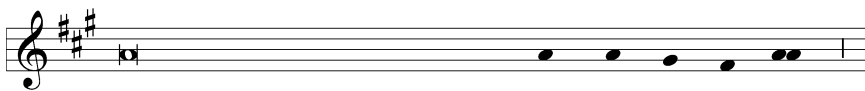


G Thanks be to God.

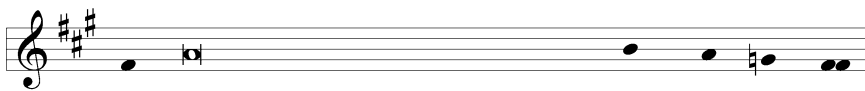
Benediction



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.



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

Closing Hymn

#533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Celebrant

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Vicar

Sem. Morgan Phillips

Fieldworker

Sem. Brandon Streeks

Deaconess

Wendy Boehm

Head Elder

Glen Werling

Elders on Duty

Steve Conrad and Bruce Meyer

Kantor

Richard Brinkley

Choir

Bethlehem Junior Choir

Acolytes

JT Holtzclaw and Hunter Householder

Altar Guild Chairman

Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison

Ushers

Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher

Grant Mishler, Don Schueler, Ben Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:00-1:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Pork Chop Dinner (Lighted Gardens)
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	4:00-6:30 p.m.	Bethlehem Fall Festival
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing (school basement)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study

FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning have been placed given to the glory of God in recognition of LWML Sunday celebrated today from the Women of Bethlehem.

FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMN BOARD this morning are placed in loving memory of Lois Lutz and in glory to God by Anita and Jeff Miller.

CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY with us – TODAY -The theme for this year is “Ready to Service,” Luke 1:38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.” Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and Love with people from all walks of life throughout our community and the world. We invite you for treats in the fellowship hall after the service today. The quilts on the pews were made by our Bethlehem quilters! The quilts will be donated to Orphan Grain Train and to the Northern Wells Food Pantry.

The **Bethlehem Pork Chop Carry-Out Dinner** - Please be sure to pick up your dinners at Lighted Gardens **TODAY** Sunday, October 6th, 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The committee thanks everyone for their support as proceeds benefit Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry and the Women of Bethlehem Project Fund.

Bethlehem Fall Festival – Please join us on **TODAY, Sunday, October 6th 4-6:30 p.m.** The Bethlehem PTL will be serving Hot Dogs, Chili and Potato Chips. Women of Bethlehem will have pies and ice cream. Carnival Games, Bounce House, Bingo and a Hay Ride will also be taking place!

FALL INTO READING AT THE BETHLEHEM BOOK FAIR! Our PaperPie Learning Book Fair is open at the school starting today after church through to Thursday, October 11th. We're very excited to share these books and the fun of reading with you!

DONATION DAY, sponsored by the CTSFW Seminary Guild, will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Congregations are invited to collect and bring donations of food and clothing to the Seminary, attend chapel at 10 a.m., and eat lunch with students in the Dining Hall. For more information visit ctsfw.edu. There is also a donation box and info in the narthex.

BOOK CLUB – “A Walk in the Woods” Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, by Bill Bryson. We will meet at 8:00 am at Crimson House on Saturday, November 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE: Bethlehem Lutheran Church and New Hope Lutheran Church will be hosting a “Trunk or Treat” event together on Saturday, October 26th from 4-6 pm (rain location in the gym). If you are interested in hosting a trunk, there are forms in the narthex or online on Bethlehem’s website (parishioners only). Prize will be given out to the best decorated trunk. This is a FREE event, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm or Tina Bauermeister for more information. Hope to see you there!

Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Soest) Fall Rummage & Bake Sale on Thursday, October 17th, from 8am-4pm and on Friday, October 18th, from 8am-noon.

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan’s Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday November 2nd 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, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards library remodel.

LAS VEGAS LEGENDS -SILENT AUCITON TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Tickets will be available today after church and during the Fall Festival at the Book Fair checkout table. Join us November 9th for a night of fun to support our fabulous school! See attached flyer for more information.

Singing the Psalms: Join us on Sunday, November 3, at 3 p.m. at Zion Friedheim for an afternoon of Psalm singing and fellowship! This event will feature singers and instrumentalists from various local Lutheran churches and schools. Refreshments will follow in the Family Life Center.

Offering September 29, 2024

Average weekly need \$13,818

Home Fund Env.	\$8,404.45
Synod	15.15
Loose	241.00
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	200.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	18.87
Right to Life Banquet	1,600.00
IRA Distribution	<u>11,000.00</u>
Total	\$21,529.97

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$473.87

Next week bills due: \$14,000

Bills due two weeks: \$6,000

Savings Account Balance \$108,122.92

Borrowed from Savings: \$26,300

Operating Loan Debt: \$9,200

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 175/148

Wednesday 20/15

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 First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

What is Hebrews 11:3?

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:3

Fall Into Reading at the Book Fair



Our PaperPie Learning Book Fair is coming! Join us as we gather for good
around literacy & learning and **Fall Into Reading!!**

DATES: Sunday, October 8th, 2023 through Thursday, October 11th
(preview day, Friday, October 4th)

HOURS: Open following church, during the Fall
Festival, after school, and during conferences

LOCATION: Hallway outside of the library

Let's **Fall Into Reading!!**

Every purchase benefits our school!

Can't make it? Shop our on-line E-Fair at
paperpie.com/brandpartner/39063/event/4034148
(be sure our school is selected before shopping)



Thanks in advance for supporting
our school's Book Fair and literacy!

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Bethlehem Lutheran School Las Vegas Legends Silent Auction and Gala

~ Featuring entertainer Michael Caricchio ~

Join us for a legendary night of fun...
all while raising money for our wonderful school!

November 9, 2024

at The Lighted Gardens ~ 10794 St Rt 1, O Fallon, IN

Doors open & Silent Auction begins at 5:15pm ~ Dinner served at 6:30pm
Silent Auction ends at 7:10 ~ Glen performs at 7:15

Ticket Prices

\$65 individual ~ \$115 couple ~ \$480 table of 8 (guaranteed seated together)

If purchasing a table, please have everyone at your table fill out a registration.

*** Last day to purchase tickets is October 27th! ***

Seating is limited!

Contact Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or the school
office 260-597-7366 for tickets

Please fill out the section below and return with payment. Thank you!

Silent Auction Registration 2024

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Number of tickets: _____

Email Address: _____