

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service - Setting One

November 10, 2024

Vol. 126-49

Opening Hymn

#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Invocation (please stand)

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*

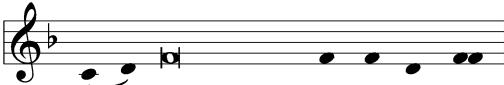
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God;*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths | of the earth,*
the heights of the mountains are his | also.
*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.
Oh come, let us worship and | bow down,*
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

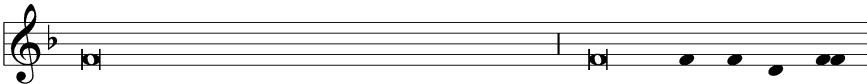
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



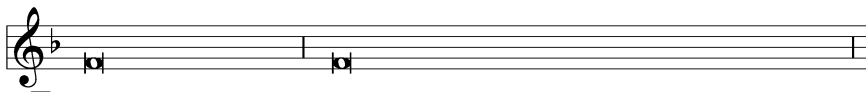
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



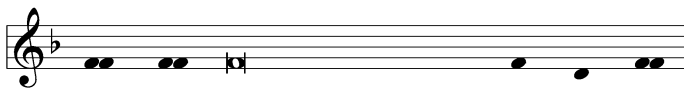
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:9–16

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD;
awake, as in days of old,
the generations of long ago.

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,
that pierced the dragon?
¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep,
who made the depths of the sea a way
for the redeemed to pass over?
¹¹And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
¹²“I, I am he who comforts you;
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,
of the son of man who is made like grass,
¹³and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,
who stretched out the heavens
and laid the foundations of the earth,
and you fear continually all the day
because of the wrath of the oppressor,
when he sets himself to destroy?
And where is the wrath of the oppressor?
¹⁴He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;
he shall not die and go down to the pit,
neither shall his bread be lacking.
¹⁵I am the LORD your God,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—
the LORD of hosts is his name.
¹⁶And I have put my words in your mouth
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,
establishing the heavens
and laying the foundations of the earth,
and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

“All Glory be to God on High”

Epistle

Colossians 1:9–14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness

and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:18–26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁸While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “**Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.**” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “**Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.**” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the report of this went through all that district.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, 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

#755 In the Very Midst of Life

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing

Dale Meyer, Gail Werling, 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)

In time of death: *Family and friends of Gloria Siela*

Rev. and Mrs. Doubrava (loss of child)

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

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)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

Norvin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel


Offering

Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.


Preface



P The Lord be with you.



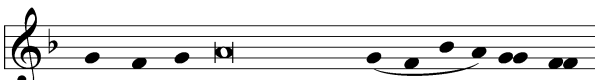
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

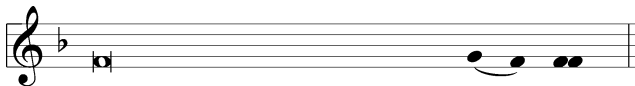
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine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

The Words of Our Lord

- 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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.


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

- #797 Praise the Almighty
- #642 O Living Bread from Heaven
- #461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- #554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
- #643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -




pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

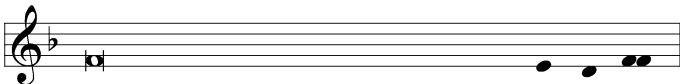
Post-Communion Collect

- 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.

Benediction



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



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching

Celebrant

Vicar

Fieldworker

Deaconess

Head Elder

Elders on Duty

Kantor

Choirs

Acolytes

Altar Guild Chairman

Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Sem. Morgan Phillips

Sem. Brandon Streeks

Wendy Boehm

Glen Werling

Glen Werling and Bruce Werling

Richard Brinkley

Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choirs

Jonah Bultemeier and Lucas Werling

Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison

Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann

Peyton Laley, Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick

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Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	4-6:00 p.m.	Visitation for Gloria Siela (at Bethlehem)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service for Gloria Siela
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
TUESDAY	5:00 p.m.	Girls vs Central Lutheran (away)
	6:15 p.m.	Boys vs Central Lutheran (away)
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	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voter's Assembly Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

WE WELCOME ALL 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.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING- Sunday, November 17th at 11:30 a.m.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the annual Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner event. We had another great year! Proceeds will go to the Bethlehem Project Fund.

There are a few steaks left from the Sunday Swiss Steak dinner. Contact Pat Meter if you are interested-- \$5 each piece

LWML BIBLE STUDY will be moved to Monday, November 18th at 2:00 pm to allow time for the funeral and luncheon of Gloria Seila.

Vicar and Seminarian Christmas Gifts – We will start collecting Christmas gifts for Vicar Morgan Phillips and Seminarian Brandon Streeks on November 17th – December 1st. A collection box will be available. Gift cards can be placed in the LWML mailbox located in the church office or given to Judy Moehring. Thank you

THANK YOU all for the tremendous support from the Washington DC group! We want to remind you that if you do not want to bring them to school, Jay Werling has a matching trash can at this residence. It is located under the awning of the red barn. 4126 E 800 N.

BOOK CLUB: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. About the book: In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas Pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids-probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem-and the fun-when the Herdmans collide head-on with the story of Christmas! We will meet Saturday, December 7th at 8:00am at Crimson House to discuss the book.

The Adult Fellowship Group will meet TODAY, Sunday, November 10th at Rich's Cafe in Waynedale after Sunday School. If you are interested in attending or need a ride, please contact Loren Dathe (260) 804-6830.

LUTHERAN WITNESS – Annual Renewal – If you currently receive the Lutheran Witness and wish to keep it, nothing is needed at this time. If changes or additions need to be made, please contact Heidi Kleppinger in the church office by November 24th. Subscription fees will be due at a later date. Thank you

Bazaar and Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024 from 10:30 am until 1pm at St Paul Preble located at the corner of 750N and 450W in Adams County. Serving homemade soups, sandwiches and delicious desserts! Also, please enjoy our cookie (Christmas cookies)corner, bake sale and of course homemade noodles!

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

Offering November 3, 2024

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$9,702.79
Synod	20.15
Loose	266.00
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	550.50
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	<u>8.95</u>
Total	\$10,548.39

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$1,568.10)
Next week bills due: \$4,000
Bills due two weeks: \$15,000
Savings Account Balance \$109,790.19
Borrowed from Savings: \$26,300
Operating Loan Debt: \$25,900

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	220/146
Wednesday	24/17

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of September 30, 2024:

- \$221,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
- 208,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
- 310,206.67 - Amount generated since 2009
- 149,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
- \$590,517.49 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2024

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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

The Apostle's Creed

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

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

What is John 10:16?

I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. John 10:16

**GRAB YOUR PARTNER!
IT'S TIME FOR A
SQUARE DANCE!
AND DINNER
MUSIC BY BREAKAWAY**

EVENT SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MEAL AT 6 PM

DANCING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

LIGHTED GARDENS

10794 N. STATE RD. 1, OSSIAN, IN

PRE SALE TICKETS INCLUDE:

PULLED PORK DINNER & 2 DRINK TICKETS



\$20 ADULT (HIGH SCHOOL & OLDER), \$10 (K-5TH GRADE)

FREE FOR AGES 4 AND UNDER

(\$25 ADULT TICKET DAY OF EVENT)

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT
THE BETHLEHEM CHURCH OFFICE, LIGHTED GARDENS,
OR BY CALLING PAT MEYER 260-227-0400
Or email spmeyer82@gmail.com**