

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



All Saints Day Observed

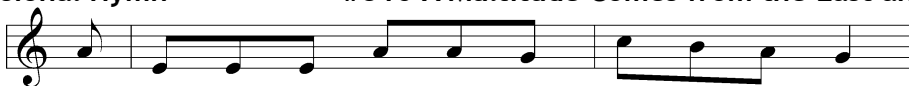
Divine Service - Setting One

November 3, 2024

Vol. 126-48

Processional Hymn

#510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
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Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802-80; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856-1921, adapt.

Tune: Swedish, 1694

Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation

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.

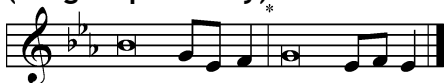
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present 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)



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*

and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**
and to the Holy | Spirit;

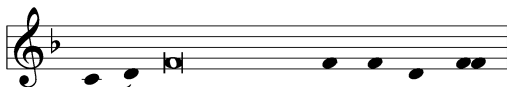
*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

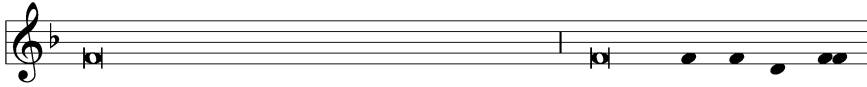
Kyrie



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.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



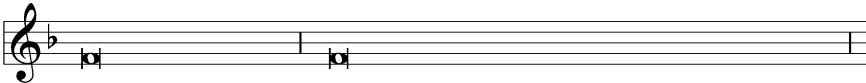
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



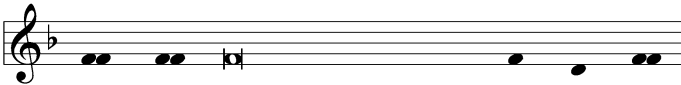
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



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



G 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,

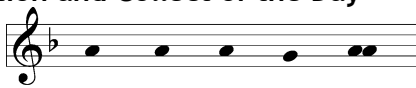


You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



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.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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 5:1–12

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

⁴**“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

⁵**“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

⁶**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

⁷**“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**

⁸**“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

⁹**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**

¹⁰**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

¹¹**“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#677 For All the Saints

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing

Garrett Werling

Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel, Sandy Avey

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgan)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

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

All the beloved saints who passed before us this year *See insert*

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

Gloria Siela (living with son, Gary)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering

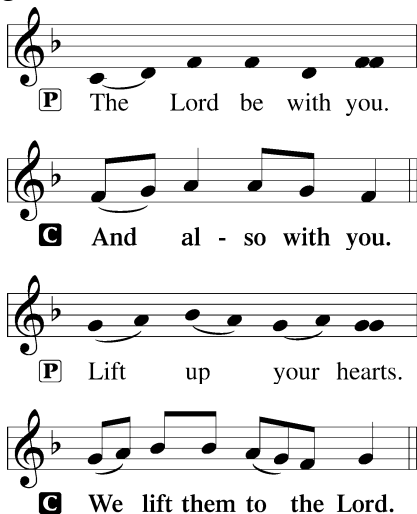
Offertory



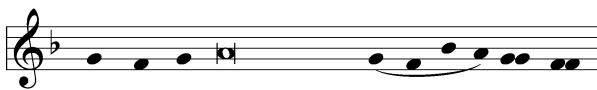
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in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

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

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.

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

- #640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior
- #641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory
- #676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
- #672 Jerusalem the Golden

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)

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.

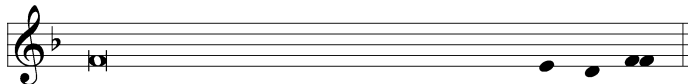
Post-Communion Collect

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

#679 Oh, How Blest Are They

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Vicar	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolytes	Jonah Bultemeier and Lucas Werling
Crucifer	Jude Wirgau
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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Deaconess Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
Vicar Morgan Phillips	605-391-4770
<i>Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org</i>	

TODAY	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)
	11-1:30 p.m.	Bethlehem Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner
	3:00 p.m.	Singing the Psalms (Zion, Friedheim)
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
SATURDAY	5:15 p.m.	Bethlehem Auction / Gala (Lighted Gardens)
SUNDAY	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)
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study

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.

ALL SAINT'S DAY- TODAY: In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, there is a special bulletin insert. For those who have passed away in the last year, their names will be read during the prayers.

THANK YOU – Dear members of Bethlehem, I am so grateful for the countless thoughts and prayers throughout my recent hospital stay and especially to Pastor Wirgau for his many visits. Thank you and God's blessings, Martha Bauermeister

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND SWISS STEAK DINNER – Please join us TODAY from 11-1:30 p.m. in the school gym. Adults are \$15 and children 10 & under are \$6 with a \$4 hot dog option. Dine in and enjoy all the vendors and cookie walk or carry-out at the north entrance to the gym. Proceeds go toward the Women of Bethlehem Project Fund.

COFFEE FUNDRAISER The Washington DC group will be selling fresh, locally roasted, ethically sourced coffee from Old Canal Roasters in Wabash (old-canal.com). You can order during the Holiday Bazaar, or any time before November 4 from any current 6th/7th student. Contact DoRena Wirgau for more information.

Election Day Prayer Vigil @ Emmaus Lutheran -On Election Day Tuesday Nov 5, Emmaus Lutheran (8626 Covington Rd.) is holding a prayer vigil by the cross outside while the polls are open from 6am – 6pm, with a brief Prayer Service at the close of the polls at 6pm. Emmaus would like to invite you to join us for prayer for our nation, state and local leaders. Materials such as Bibles and hymnals will be available for use. This Prayer Vigil is NOT for a political party or specific candidates. Please come and join us at any time during the day and pray with us.

Adult Fellowship Group: Surviving the Holidays Event through GriefShare: Emmanuel Community Church, Fort Wayne on November 3rd from 4-6; Hope Missionary Church, Bluffton on November 17th from 3-5. To register or for other options available please visit www.GriefShare.org.

The Adult Fellowship Group will meet 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.

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!

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH AND PROGRAM – New Hope Lutheran Church on Thursday, November 7th at 11:30 a.m. The special speaker will be Arlene Stoller with a salute to our veterans. Please RSVP to Diane Garrett 260-415-1462 or Carol Schumacher 260-223-4830.

Singing the Psalms: Join us TODAY, 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. ***Bethlehem's children's choir will be included.*** Refreshments will follow in the Family Life Center.

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 October 27, 2024

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$9,736.15
Synod	20.15
Loose	291.75
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	
Total	<u>\$10,098.55</u>

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$16.68

Next week bills due: \$14,000

Bills due two weeks: \$4,000

Savings Account Balance \$109,114.69

Borrowed from Savings: \$26,300

Operating Loan Debt: \$23,700

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 193/146

Wednesday 16/12

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

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

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

A hymn may be sung.

Recite Together:

The Ten Commandments

You shall have no other gods.

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

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

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

The Apostle's Creed

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

Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.

Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson

Prayers and Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?

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.

What is 1 Corinthians 12:3?

I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 1

Corinthians 12:3

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-8TH 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