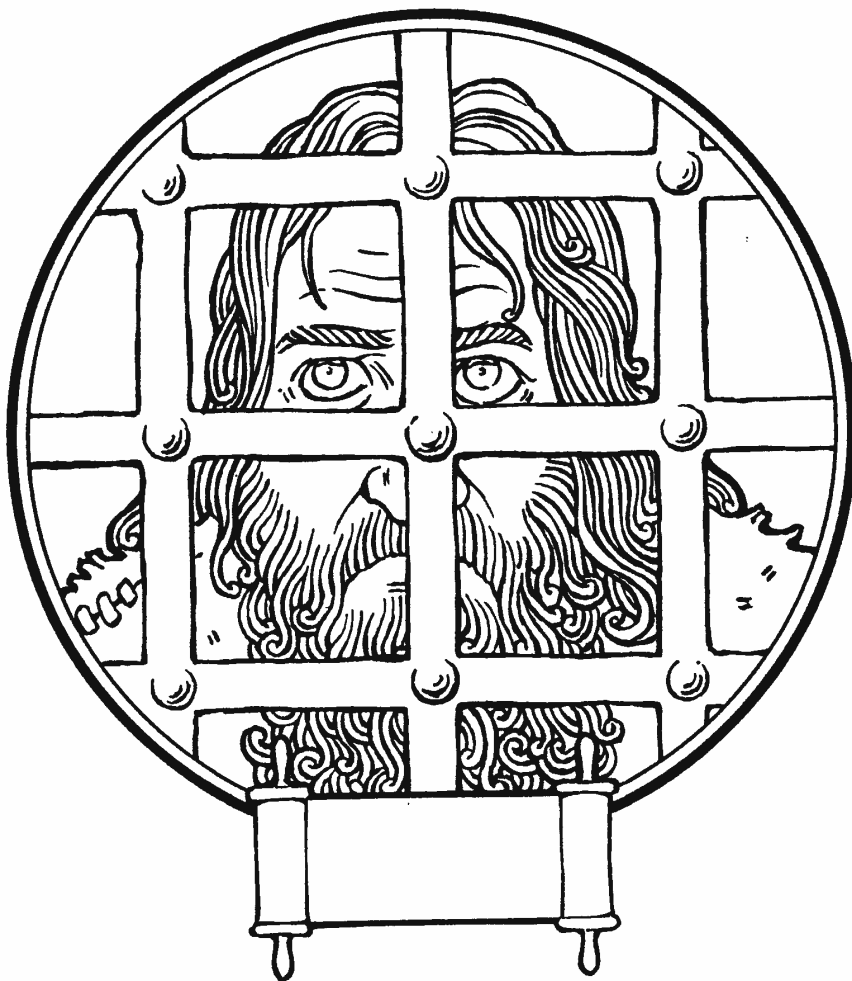


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT*

*"Gaudete"*

*Divine Service - Setting One*

*December 15, 2024*

*Vol. 127-03*

## Processional Hymn

## #343 Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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## 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 ~~H~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (*sung with the choir*)



Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will | say, Rejoice.

**Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.\***

**The Lord | is at hand.**

LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\***  
**you covered | all their sin.**

Will you not revive | us again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?

**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\***

**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to | folly.**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**

*and to the Holy | Spirit;*

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

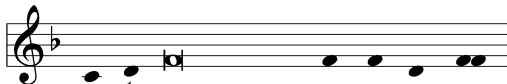
*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

Rejoice in the Lord | always;\*  
again I will | say, Rejoice.

**Let your reasonableness be known to | everyone.\***

**The Lord | is at hand.**

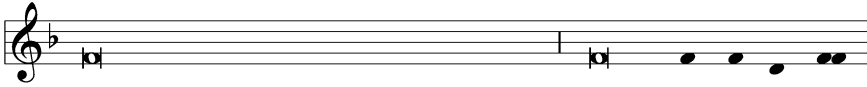
Kyrie



**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.



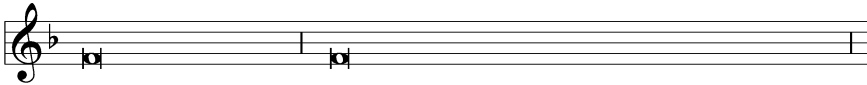
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



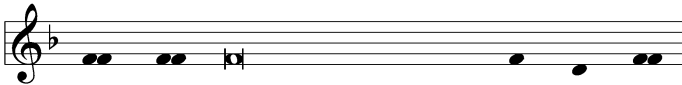
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her warfare is ended,

that her iniquity is pardoned,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,

and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades

when the breath of the LORD blows on it;

surely the people are grass.  
<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”  
<sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
<sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Choral Response “Prepare Thyself Zion” J. S. Bach (*Christmas Oratorio*)  
(Sung in German)

*Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben  
den Schönsten, den Liebsten bald bei dir zu seh’n.*

*Prepare thyself Zion with tender affection,  
The purest, the fairest, this day to receive.*

**Epistle**

*1 Corinthians 4:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

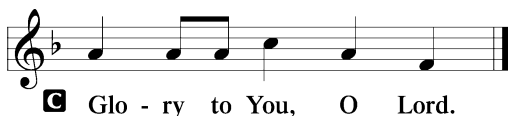


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:2–11*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.” <sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**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**

**#345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

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

*Sandy Avey, Dale Meyer*

*Gail Werling, Garrett Werling*

*Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel*

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

*Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)*

*Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

**Marriage blessing:** *Jacob and Jamie (Taylor) Meyer wed on December 14)*

**In time of sorrow and bereavement:** *Family of Dan Baumgardner (father of Carla Springer)*

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

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

**We pray for our members shut-in:**

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marihyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marihyn Franke (Christian Care)

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

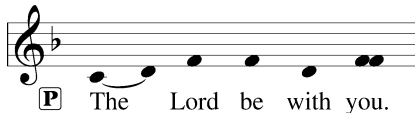
## Offertory



**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.



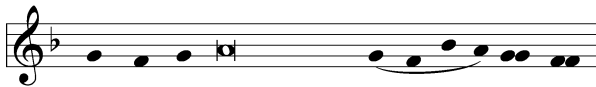
**C** And al - so with you.



**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.

## 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.**

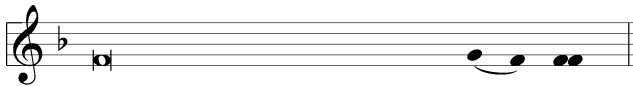
**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

- #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
- #347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
- #346 When All the World Was Cursed
- #335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice
- #354 Arise, O Christian People

## Nunc Dimittis



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared 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.

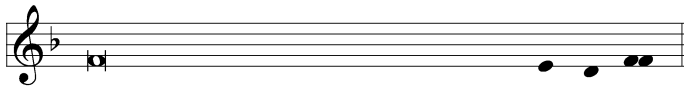
## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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



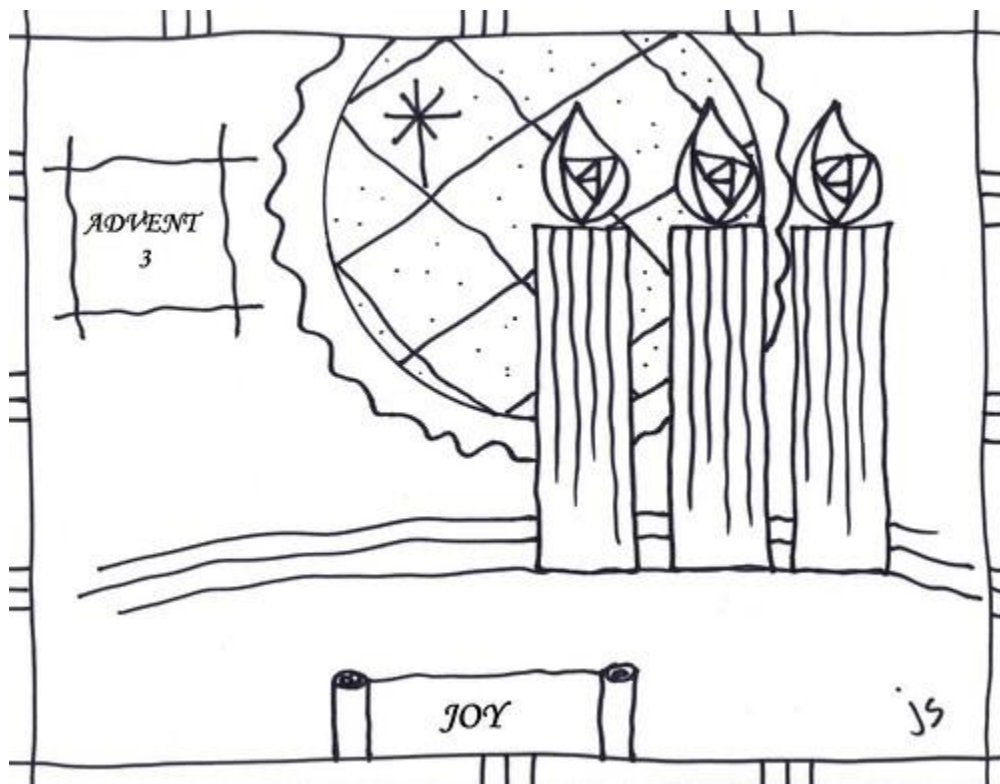
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## #344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



## IN HIS SERVICE

|                             |                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Preaching</b>            | Vicar Morgan Phillips                                                                  |
| <b>Celebrant</b>            | Rev. Samuel Wirgau                                                                     |
| <b>Deacon</b>               | Rev. Anthony Dodgers                                                                   |
| <b>Fieldworker</b>          | Sem. Brandon Streeks                                                                   |
| <b>Deaconess</b>            | Wendy Boehm                                                                            |
| <b>Head Elder</b>           | Glen Werling                                                                           |
| <b>Elders on Duty</b>       | Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer                                                             |
| <b>Kantor</b>               | Richard Brinkley                                                                       |
| <b>Choirs</b>               | Bethlehem Children's Choir                                                             |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann                                                       |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Alex Fuhrmann                                                                          |
| <b>Altar Guild Chairman</b> | Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison                                                         |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer<br>Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert |

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| Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau                                                                       | 260-273-7595 |
| ( <a href="mailto:Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com">Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com</a> )                         |              |
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| Bethlehem Lutheran School                                                                        | 260-597-7366 |
| Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster Rev. Anthony Dodgers                                                   | 616-648-6489 |
| Kantor Mr. Richard Brinkley                                                                      | 260-705-4105 |
| Deaconess Wendy Boehm                                                                            | 260-415-8526 |
| Vicar Morgan Phillips                                                                            | 605-391-4770 |
| <i>Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.blcsossian.org">www.blcsossian.org</a></i> |              |

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| <b>TODAY</b>                                             | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> |
|                                                          | 10:30 a.m.        | Adult Bible Class and Sunday School       |
|                                                          | 11:30 a.m.        | Church Council Meeting                    |
|                                                          | 11:30 a.m.        | Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)            |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                                            | 7:00 p.m.         | Handbell Choir Practice                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                         | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Chapel Service</b>                     |
|                                                          | 5:30 p.m.         | Adult Catechesis Class                    |
|                                                          | 5:45 p.m.         | Light Supper                              |
|                                                          | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Children's Christmas Service</b>       |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                                            | <b>9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> |
|                                                          | 10:30 a.m.        | Adult Bible Class and Sunday School       |
| <b>Christmas Break December 23-January 5 – NO SCHOOL</b> |                   |                                           |

**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.

**Holiday Worship Schedule: Please join us**

Children's Christmas Service will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

*The Youth Group and parents will be serving a light supper before the Children's Service starting at 5:45 pm (hot dogs, pulled pork, chips, and cookies)*

Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Service on December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY, December 15<sup>th</sup> after Adult Bible Class**

**Christmas Poinsettia orders are due TODAY** – Order forms can be found on the scrip table in the church foyer and placed in the church office. Thank you

**Children's Christmas Art Exhibition TODAY – School hallway bulletin boards**

All the artwork is based on Luke 2, illustrating the birth of Jesus our Savior. Three entries were selected for bulletin covers and are as follows:

Children's Christmas Service – Harper Miller Grade 3

Christmas Eve Service – Jonah Bultemeier Grade 5

Christmas Day Service – Emma Wirgau Grade 8

Honorable Mention: Nolan Anthony (1), Cora Day (1), Violet Nahrwold (1), Madeline Schumm (3), Emma Campbell (5), Alex Fuhrmann (6), Bailey Meyer (6), Caroline Haiflich (7), Micah Leamon (8)

*A big thank you to our judges Sue Buchinger, Judy Moebing and Glen Werling*

**2025 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE and FLOWER CHART** are now posted on the bulletin board. Please consider signing up to prepare the altar for church services or donate flowers to be placed on the altar or hymn board table. Special announcements should be given to the church office. Thank you

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are now available. Please plan to pick up your box from the tables in the north hallway. Boxes should be in alphabetical order. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you

**WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM COOKIE WALK TODAY!**

**SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS** – We have now switched to online orders only. Please be sure to place your personal orders at the scrip table, on [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or contact our coordinator Melissa Price at 260-433-5307 by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> to receive them by Christmas. The general Bethlehem Scrip gift certificates will be replaced by Visa Gift Cards. Thank you for your support.

**SHARPER IRON KFUE Radio** – Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel with guest Rev. Samuel Wirgau on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m CT. for a study on “Isaiah: the Fifth Evangelist” Isaiah 9:8-10:4 Listen Live or On -demand at: [kfuo.org/sharperiron](http://kfuo.org/sharperiron).

**LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION FEE IS NOW DUE** - If you currently receive the Lutheran Witness, please be sure to reimburse the church the yearly fee of \$25.00. Thank you

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemoossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemoossiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

### **Offering December 8, 2024**

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| Average weekly need | \$13,818    |
| Home Fund Env.      | \$17,096.67 |
| Synod               | 20.15       |
| Loose               | 343.17      |
| Scholarship Fund    |             |
| Sunday School       | 5.25        |
| Improvement Fund    | 300.50      |
| Endowment Fund      |             |
| Music Fund          |             |
| Gym Rental          | 100.00      |
| Lutheran Witness    | 45.00       |
| Total               | \$17,910.74 |

### **Financial Report**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Home Fund Balance</b>       | <b>\$23,565.55</b> |
| Next week bills due:           | \$14,000           |
| Bills due two weeks:           | \$15,000           |
| <b>Savings Account Balance</b> | <b>\$44,602.30</b> |
| Borrowed from Savings:         | \$26,300           |
| Operating Loan Debt:           | \$21,900           |

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Sunday    | 200/145 |
| Wednesday | 66/43   |

## **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 does such baptizing with water indicate?*

**It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

*Where is this written?*

**St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six:**

**We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

**Romans 6:4**

*What is Galatians 5:17?*

**For 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.**

**Galatians 5:17**