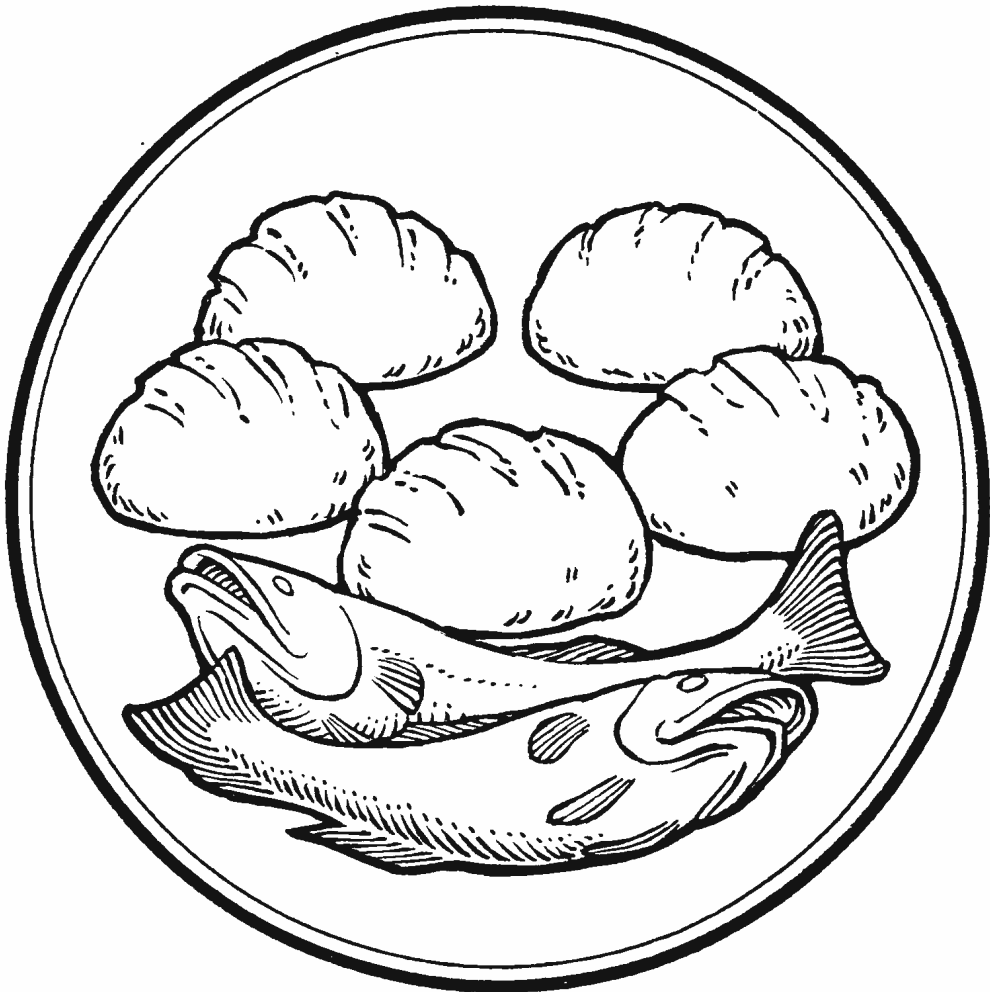


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Divine Service - Setting Three*

March 30, 2025

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*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 with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,\*  
all you who | love her;  
**that you may nurse and be | satisfied\***  
**from her con- | soling breast.**

## Kyrie

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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

*Exodus 16:2–21*

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”<sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”<sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”<sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’”<sup>17</sup>And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. <sup>18</sup>But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. <sup>19</sup>And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.”<sup>20</sup>But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**I was glad when they | said to me,\***

**“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”**

**Peace be with- | in your walls\***

**and security within your | towers!**

## Second Reading

Acts 2:41–47

<sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,\*  
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

## Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, **“Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?”** <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, **“Have the people sit down.”** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, **“Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.”** <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” <sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**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.

## Sermon

### Offertory



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**

Coty Newnum, Alie Newnum, Ruth Bienz  
Donna Schumm, Hildegard Bauermeister, Gail Werling  
Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)  
Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)  
Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel  
Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)  
Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkeleys)  
Sandra Flum (Susan Graff's sister)

**Comfort during time of death:** Bonnie Worden (mother of Kathy Nabrwold)

**Thanksgiving for the blessing of a baby girl** to Vicar Morgan and Amelia Phillips  
to Adam and Allie Nabrwold

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** Reese Springer, Wendy Boehm, Destiny Laley  
Shaeli Streeks, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Molly Kleppinger, Betsy Dodgers

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

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)  
Marihyn Meyer (Kingston)

*Marilyn 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**

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 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  $\text{✠}$  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.



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.

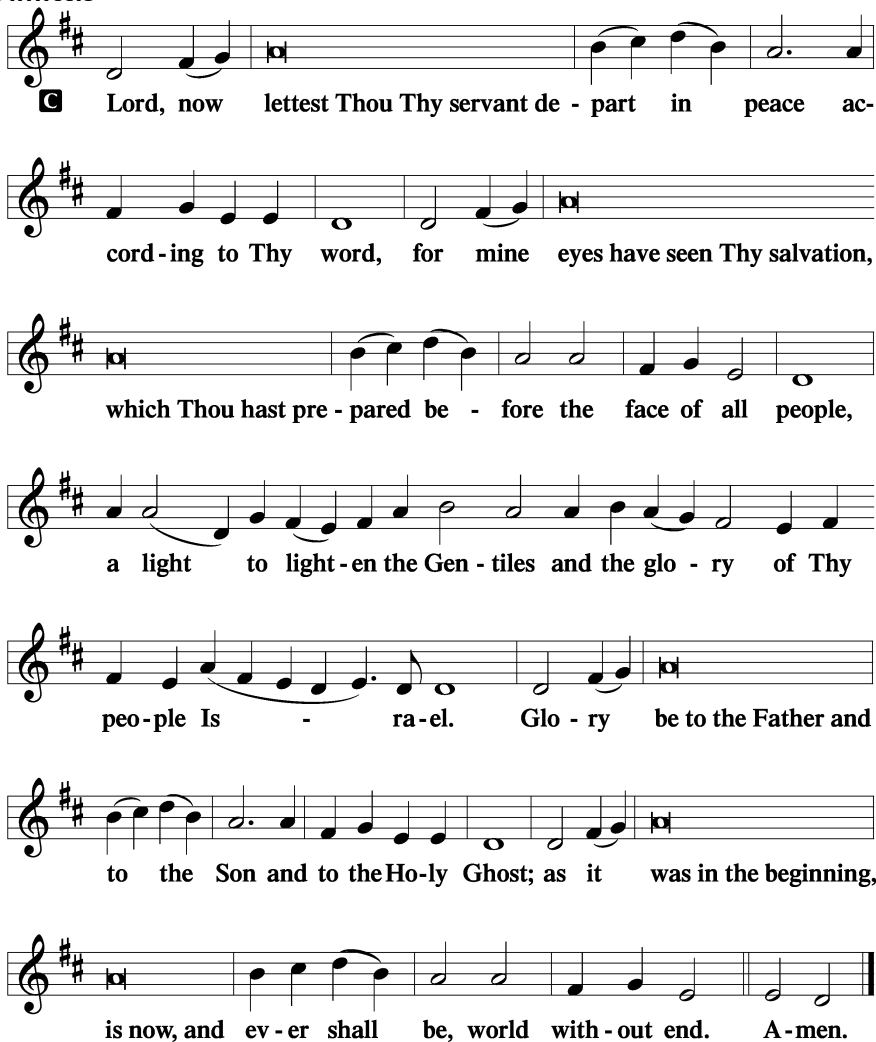
## Distribution

**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

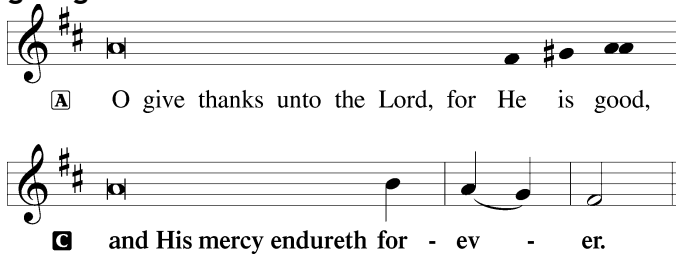
- #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
- #628 Your Table I Approach
- #641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- #642 O Living Bread from Heaven
- #425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

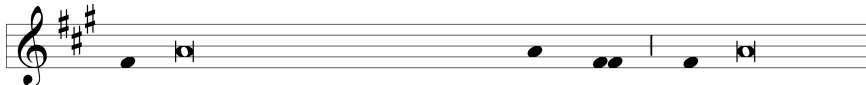


**A** Bless we the Lord.

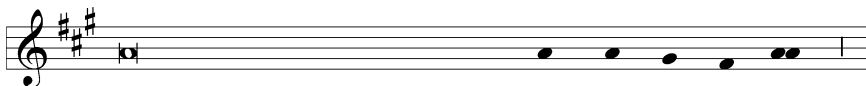


**C** Thanks be to God.

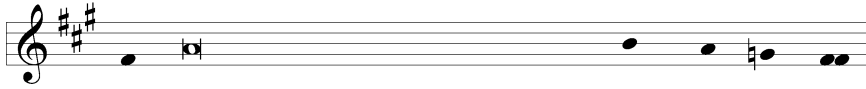
## Benediction



**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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

**WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS this morning** to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to sign one of the register books located in each of the church foyers. If you would like to be contacted by the pastor or an elder, then please take a moment to fill out one of the green cards on the narthex tables and give it to an elder or drop it in the offering collection plate. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again. Thank you!

## IN HIS SERVICE

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Glen Werling  
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Richard Brinkley  
Emilie Meyer  
Jonah Bultemeier and Lucas Werling  
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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.	Special Church Council Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	2:00 p.m.	Friends of Wyneken Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:15 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Youth Room)
	5:00- 5:30 p.m.	Private Confession and Absolution
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Lenten Service</b>
		Adult Choir Practice
<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
		(Sem. Brandon Streeks – Meet and Greet during Bible Class)
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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

**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT** - Everyone is welcome to join us for Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesday's beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, feel free to attend the morning Chapel Services at 10:00 am. The Bethlehem Youth and parents will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00pm and the meal for **Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be: Hot Dog Bar, Chips, Veggies, Cookies**

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** - for all the Wednesdays of Lent Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution (LSB page 292) from 5:00-5:30 in the sanctuary for those who would desire this as part of the Lenten devotions. If you have questions, reach out to him.

**FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN Presentation TODAY** - On Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, an estimated F4 tornado traveled from Ossian, Indiana to Edgerton on the Indiana-Ohio state line, killing 13 and causing millions of dollars of damage to houses and farmsteads in its path. Many of those affected by the tornado were German Lutherans. To mark the 105th anniversary of the twister, the Friends of Wyneken will retell the story of the twister and its aftermath with a presentation **TODAY at 2 pm** in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING –TODAY, March 30<sup>th</sup> after Bible Class.**

**MEAL TRAIN - Baby Felicity has arrived!** Vicar Phillips and Amelia are back home with baby and big brother. We all know how exciting and challenging these first few weeks can be so we'd like to support them by sending some comfort food their way. If you have questions or need help signing up, you can reach out to Emily Anthony. 260-750-6232 link is also on Women of Bethlehem facebook page. The link is <https://mealtrain.com/gv07n8>

**PLEASE JOIN US** Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> (corrected date) during Adult Bible Class for a "Meet and Greet" with Seminarian Brandon Streeks.

**EASTER CARDS** for our shut-ins are available to be signed by congregation members on a table in the west hallway. Our shut-ins will appreciate hearing from you!

**CARD SHOWER** for Donna Schumm's 90th birthday. Her birthday is the day after Easter on April 21st. Cards can be sent to her home address or Mike & Kay Schumm's address.

**WIDOW'S GROUP:** Corn hole & carry in on Sunday, April 6th after Sunday School in the fellowship hall. Contact Gail Werling for more info.

**Our next book club pick:** “The Last Bookshop in London” by Madeline Martin. This book is available through Bethlehem’s online book fair which is going on through March 17th. We will meet to discuss the book on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00am at crimson house. Happy reading!

**COMING SOON!!!!** The Washington DC group will be having a scrap metal recycling dumpster again this spring. Prepare to purge and round up your scrap metal. You can drop items off, starting April 5 at Jay Werling’s house, 4126 E 800 N. Ossian. Contact Jason Rekeweg or Jay Werling for any questions.

**NORTHERN WELLS FOOD PANTRY IN OSSIAN IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS-** Please leave your donations in the box located in the church foyer. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you

**LAWNCARE BIDS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE TRUSTEES. PLEASE SEE JAY WERLING FOR A BID SHEET. THANK YOU**

**Offering March 23, 2025**

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$6,552.52
Synod	
Loose	449.21
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	6.93
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Emergency Fund	1,000.00
Vicar Rent Reimb.	700.00
Gym Rental	150.00
Thrivent Receipt	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$9,358.66

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,902.30</b>
Next week bills due:	\$18,500
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$55,096.89</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$0.00
Operating Loan Debt:	\$6,700.00

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	195/159
Wednesday	59

## 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.**

*Where is this [the Office of the Keys] written?*

**This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty:**

**The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:22-23**

*What do you believe according to these words?*

**I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**