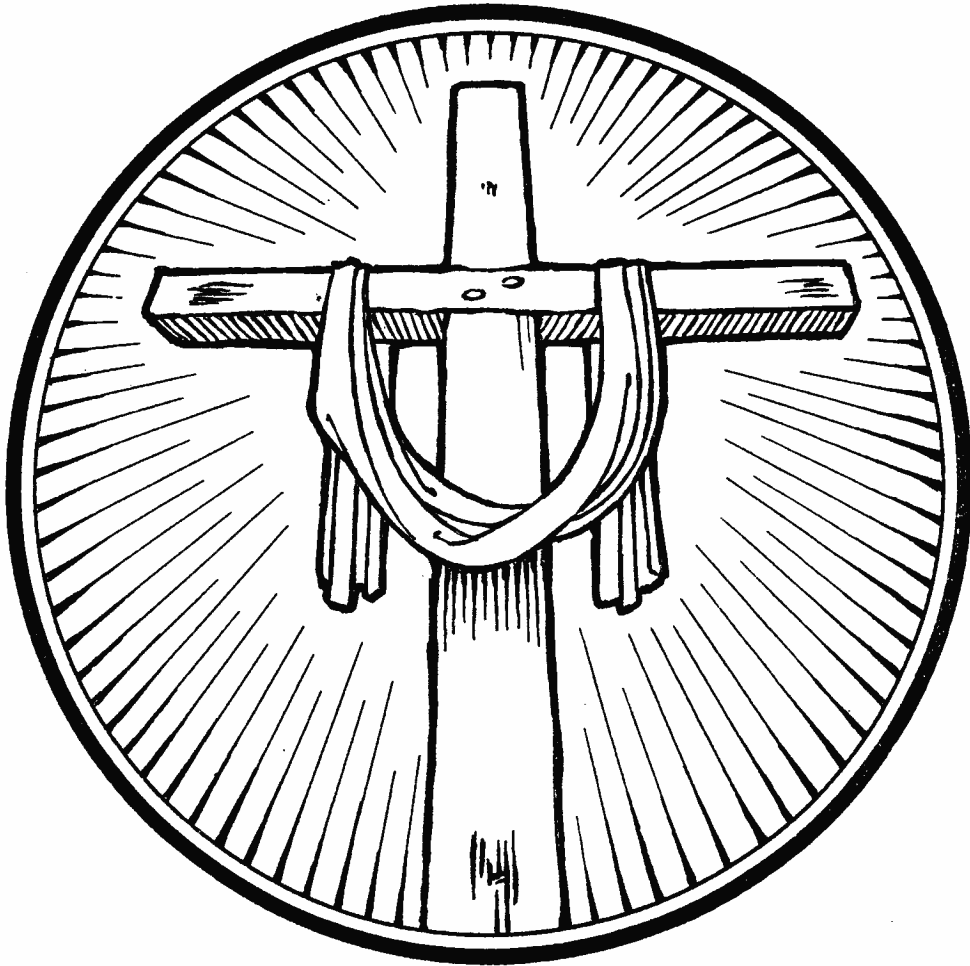


Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

Divine Service One

April 20, 2025

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Pre-service Music *Bethlehem Handbell Choir* "The Strife is O're the Battle Done"
"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

Processional Hymn

#457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



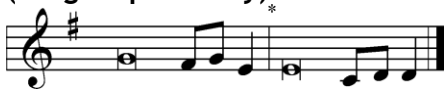
Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Order of Holy Baptism - see insert (*Felicity Elizabeth Ann Phillips*)

Please return the insert to an usher or leave it in the pew after the service

Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively)



He is risen! Alle- | luia!*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;*
you have put all things under | his feet.

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

*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.

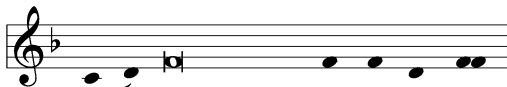
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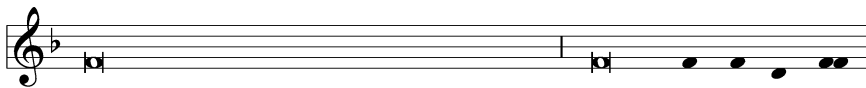
Kyrie



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.



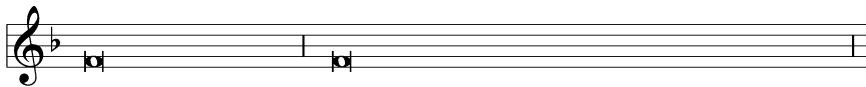
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



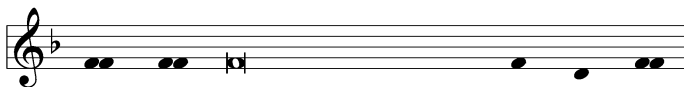
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23–27

- ²³“Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response “On Wings of Living Radiance”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:51–57

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Christians, to the Paschal Victim*

*Choir Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died,
Reigns immortal.*

**Cong. Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!**

*Choir "Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw when wayfaring."
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you."*

**Cong. Were Christ not arisen,
Then death were still our prison.
Now, with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!**

*Choir Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*

**Cong. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

#458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Ron Whitesel, Donna Schumm
Hildegard Bauermeister, Gail Werling
Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)
Carla Wiederhold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)
Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)
Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkeleys)
Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Baptismal Blessing: Felicity Elizabeth Ann Phillips

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)
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 presence of all His people, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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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.

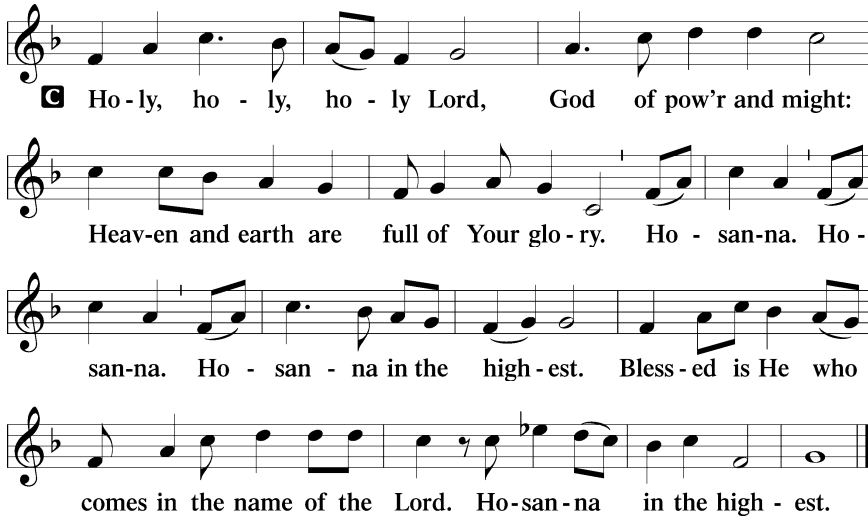
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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;

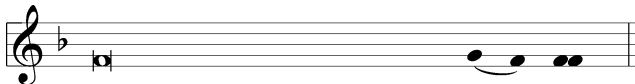
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

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

#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

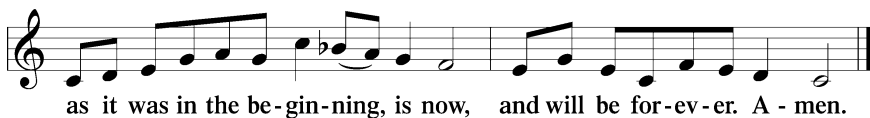
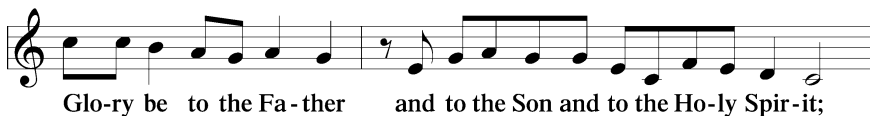
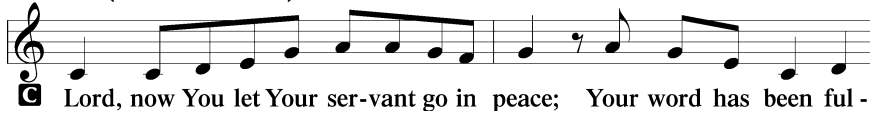
#478 The Day of Resurrection

#480 He's Risen, He's Risen

#482 This Joyful Eastertide

#490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



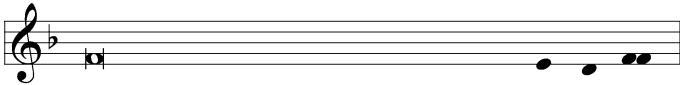
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn

#465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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!

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at

bethlehemoasiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehmlutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Vicar	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Steve Conrad and Bruce Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choirs	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
Acolytes	Volunteers
Crucifer	Matthew Rekeweg
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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TODAY	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast (school gym)
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Day Divine Service
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY		No School "Easter Monday"
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
		Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	Endowment Committee 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)

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Felicity Elizabeth Ann Phillips, newborn daughter of Vicar Morgan and Amelia Phillips. Sponsors for Felicity are Alex and Claire Hannon, Trevor and Rebekah Flanick, Brandon and Erin Schumm. We welcome Felicity to the Kingdom of God and joint heir of all God's blessings.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, April 27th after Bible Class
Election of Officers is on the agenda

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – The Women of Bethlehem are holding a church Spring cleaning on Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Jessica Schumm

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center through Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne gave out over 9,000 diapers in February. On May 3rd they will be hosting a health fair and giving away more diapers to those in need in the community. We will have a collection box available for diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Hand from now through April 27th when Deaconess Jana Peters, Executive Director at Shepherd's Hand, will come speak about their work in Fort Wayne. There is also an amazon wishlist link available on their website: <https://www.shepherdshandfw.org/get-involved>

The Church Audio Visual team is in desperate need of volunteers – Entering titles for the church videos and other minor tasks would be appreciated starting after Easter. Please contact Evan or Reese Springer or Deaconess Boehm for more information.

ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM are invited to join in our first of four hikes we will go on over the next few months. We will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday May 10 at the Tel-Hy trail located at 1429 N. 300 W. Huntington, IN. Questions? Need to carpool? Text Melissa Tolson at (260)417-4898. Hope you join the fun!

The Washington DC group is having a scrap metal recycling dumpster again this spring. Prepare to purge and round up your scrap metal. You can drop items off at Jay Werling's house, 4126 E 800 N. Ossian. Contact Jason Rekeeweg or Jay Werling for any questions.

NORTHERN WELLS FOOD PANTRY NEED YOUR DONATIONS

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you

SCRIP – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. The next order date is May 4th so all orders need to be received by noon on that date. Ordering dates are set to reduce shipping costs. For questions or for placing an order, please contact Mariah Trammel at 260-267-1614, our PTL representative.

Offering April 13, 2025

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$9,395.48
Synod	255.00
Loose	326.57
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	8.01
Improvement Fund	105.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Memorials	<u>210.00</u>
Total	\$10,450.06

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$1,894.64
Next week bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$
Savings Account Balance	\$56,491.27
Borrowed from Savings:	\$0.00
Operating Loan Debt:	\$20,550
 Church/Communion Attendance	
Sunday	224/157
Tues. -Wed.	60

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of February 28, 2025:

\$351,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
 208,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
 322,058.09 - Amount generated since 2009
-149,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
 \$732,368.91 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of February 28, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund
 \$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024
1,312.72 - Amount generated since November 2024
 \$ 91,391.65 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of February 28, 2025

THE ALTAR COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR DONATION OF FLOWERS THIS EASTER MORNING. FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE.

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 written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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.”

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.