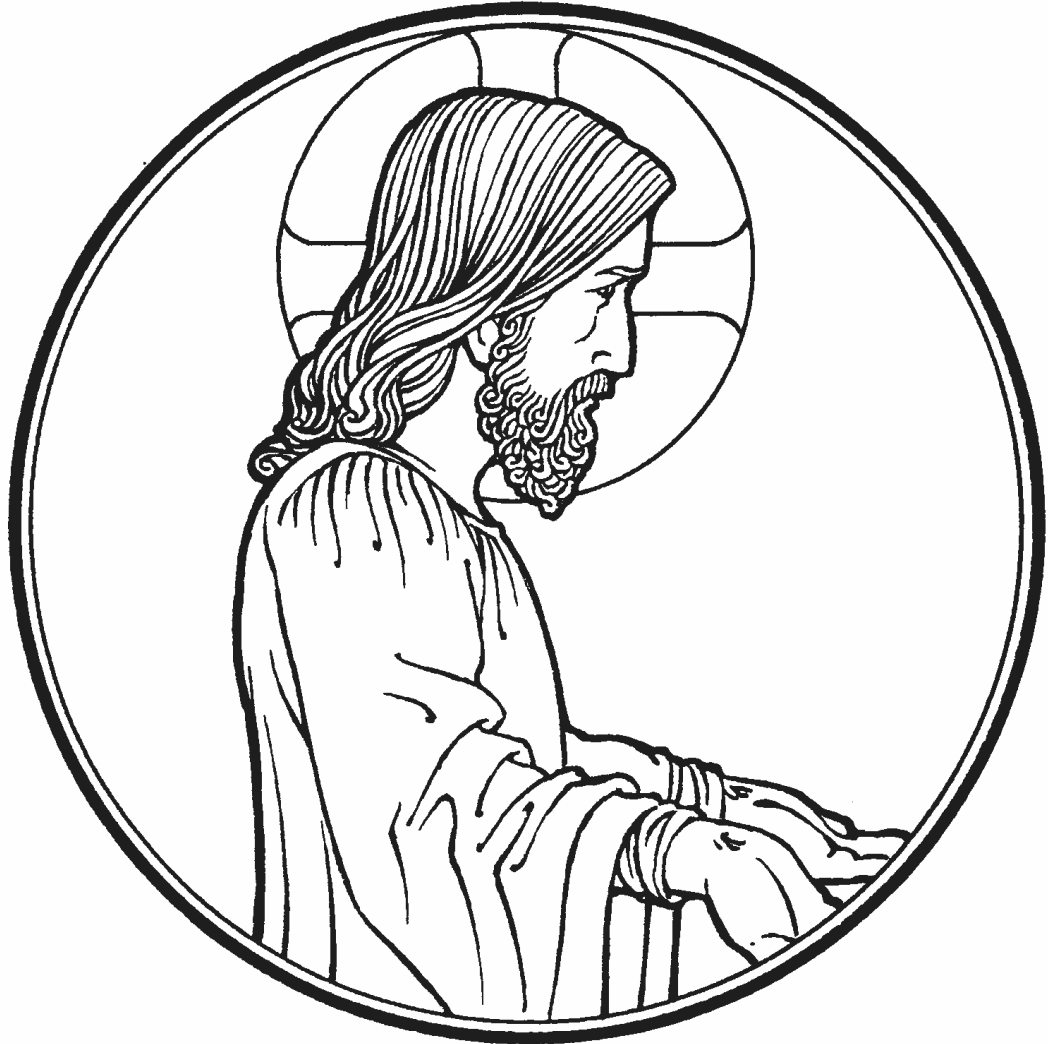


Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Second Sunday in Easter

Divine Service One

April 27, 2025

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Processional Hymn

#463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

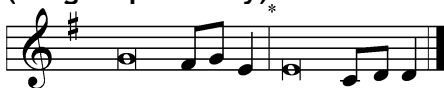
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Rite of Holy Baptism - *see insert* (Oliver Henry Springer)

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Introit (sung responsively)



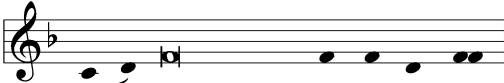
Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!

In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.

I am the | LORD your God,*
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
 Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
 and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
*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.
 Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,*
 long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

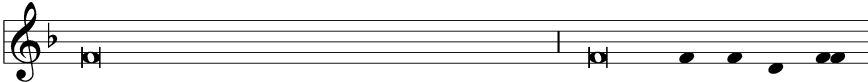
Kyrie



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.



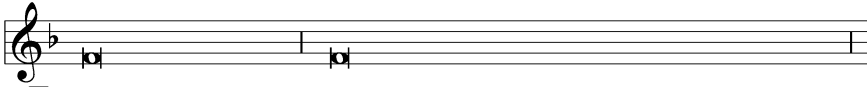
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



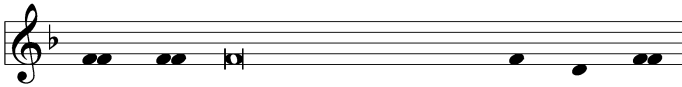
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the

LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

John 20:19–31

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “**Peace be with you.**” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “**Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.**” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.**”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “**Peace be with you.**” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “**Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.**” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “**Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

#470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Ron Whitesel, Donna Schumm

Hildegarde Bauermeister, Gail Werling

Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)

Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Baptismal Blessing: *Oliver Henry Springer*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *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 Lut^z (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

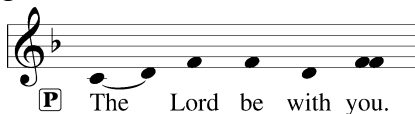
Offering

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.

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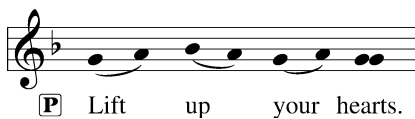
Preface



P The Lord be with you.



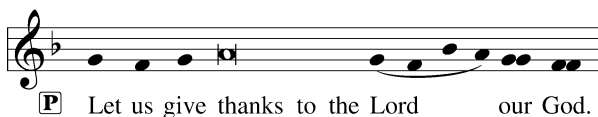
C And al - so with you.



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:

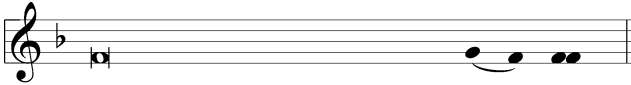
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G 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

#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
#636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
#472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real
#720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
#475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Nunc Dimittis



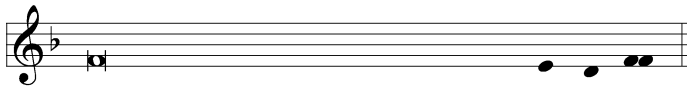
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and 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.
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

#474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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 bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW) Vicariate and Deaconess Intern Assignment Service

- Monday, April 28
7 p.m. Eastern time

Candidate Call Service

- Tuesday, April 29
7 p.m. Eastern time

Services at [CTSFW in Fort Wayne, Ind.](#), will be held in Kramer Chapel, and they will be livestreamed and available to watch on demand at ctsfw.edu/callday.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Morgan Phillips
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Deacon	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Steve Conrad and Bruce Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolytes	Vinny Fuhrmann and Alex Fuhrmann
Crucifer	Judy Wirgau
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann Peyton Laley, Gavin Laley, Kyle Patrick, Aaron Anthony

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<i>Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.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. Voter's Assembly Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m. Adult Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m. Church Cleaning
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m. Women of Bethlehem Meeting
	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)

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Oliver Henry Springer newborn son of Evan and Reese Springer. Sponsors for Oliver are Ben and Alicen Klitz. We welcome Oliver to the Kingdom of God and joint heir of all God's blessings.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – TODAY- 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

Please join us for Adult Bible Class - 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 have a collection box available for diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Hand thru TODAY. Deaconess Jana Peters, Executive Director at Shepherd's Hand, will come speak during Bible Class TODAY 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. 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.

WIDOWS GROUP will be having dinner and a movie in Decatur on Sunday, May 4th. Contact Gail Werling if you are interested in attending.

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 20, 2025

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$14,239.10
Synod	
Loose	999.76
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Maundy Thursday	1,221.00
Good Friday	607.00
Funeral Taping	20.00
Total	\$17,086.86

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$2,836.59
Next week bills due:	\$20,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
Savings Account Balance	\$56,491.27
Borrowed from Savings:	\$0.00
Operating Loan Debt:	\$20,550

Church/Communion Attendance

Maundy Thursday	93/75
Good Friday	119/88
Easter Sunday	105/75 229/142
Wednesday	19/13

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.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

What is 1 John 1:7?

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1

John 1:7