

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



First Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

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Invocation (please stand)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively)



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love,*
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

I will sing | to the LORD,*

because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?*

How long will you hide your | face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?*

How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;*

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"*

lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.

*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

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!”
Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor! *
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

Epistle

1 John 4:16–21

¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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C Thanks be to God.

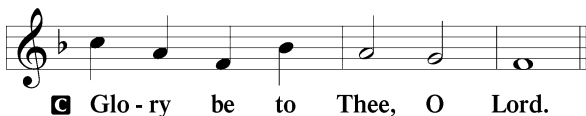
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

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



¹⁹[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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.

Hymn of the Day

#768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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:

Steve Ashcroft (grandfather of Ron Trammel)
Raven Baker (daughter of Ryan and Kari)
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 Brinkleys)
Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

Wedding Anniversary blessing: Bruce and Kim Werling celebrating 45 years of marriage.

We pray for our expectant mothers: Shaeli Streeks, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Molly Kleppinger
Betsy Dodgers, Caroline (Meyer) Fenker

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

Landrie Levitz, sister of Mariah Trammel who is in the Middle East

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)
Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

The Board of Christian Education in search of a candidate for 1-2 Grade Teacher

We pray for all military personnel

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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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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 ✠ 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.



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.**

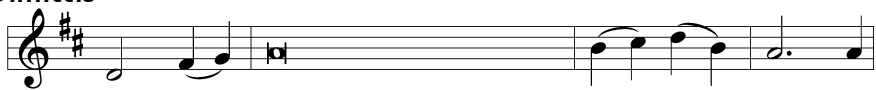
Distribution Hymns

#625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

#627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

#798 The God of Abraham Praise

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.

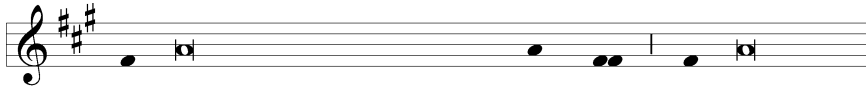
Benedicamus

A Bless we the Lord.

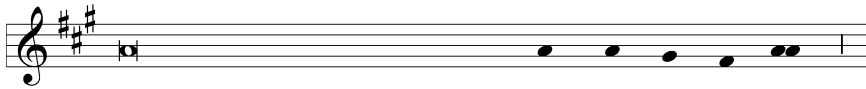


G Thanks be to God.

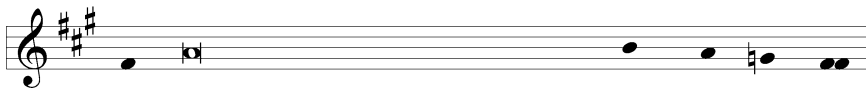
Benediction



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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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

Preaching / Celebrant
Vicar
Fieldworker
Deaconess
Head Elder
Elders on Duty
Kantor
Acolytes
Altar Guild Chairman
Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Sem. Morgan Phillips
Sem. Brandon Streeks
Wendy Boehm
Glen Werling
Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Richard Brinkley
Elders
Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Todd Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger, Landon Geiger
Jay Werling, Chad Dunham, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley

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TODAY **9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Church Council Meeting
11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

BETHLEHEM VBS WILL BE JUNE 23-26

WEDNESDAY **7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service**
SUNDAY **9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**
10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class
11:30 a.m. Voter's Assembly Meeting
11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY June 22 after Bible Class.
VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, June 29 after Bible Class
THE 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET IS NOW POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchrossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of 45 years of marriage to Bruce and Kim Werling.

DOOR OFFERING – Sunday, June 29th will be Sem. Morgan Phillips' last Sunday as our Vicar. As a gift to thank him for his service to Bethlehem we will plan to take a door offering on June 29th. Please join us as we wish him well in his last year of study at the Seminary.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CUSTODIAL BIDS are now being accepted. Please submit your bid for the 2025-2026 school year to our Head Trustee, Jay Werling.

VBS: ALL are invited to the VBS Closing Service and Carnival on Thursday, June 26th at 6:30pm. We will have a small service where the kids will sing songs/hymns they have learned throughout the week. Afterwards there will be a FREE carnival with games, prizes, and concession items.

PAINTING CLASS – The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting a Painting Class with Ruth Green on Saturday, June 28th at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes all the supplies needed for this project (birds). Everyone is welcome to come. Please RSVP with Pat Krumma or sign up on the sheet posted to the WOB bulletin board.

Jigsaw Puzzle Adoption Program - Who doesn't like to do a Jigsaw Puzzle! Bethlehem members are encouraged to participate in an Adult / Child jigsaw puzzle exchange program. Basically, take a puzzle / leave a puzzle or just take a puzzle! All for fun! We currently have quite a few that are ready for adoption and will be placed on a table in the north church hallway for your selection or exchange, starting TODAY. We will see how the response goes for the month of June then go to a once-a-month date starting in July. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Metal dumpster is back!!! The metal recycling dumpster is back in business and will run for about a month. Spread the word and bring us your metal! Located at the same place. 4126 E 800 N. Thank you from the Washington DC group for your support!

Car Wash -- The DC Group will be offering a car wash this Saturday, June 28, 9-11am at New Hope. Stop by and get your vehicle sparkly clean on your way to festivities in Ossian! Free will donations appreciated.

Swim Party- The Bethlehem PTL is sponsoring a swimming party on June 27th at the Wells Community Pool in Bluffton. Please join us anytime from 5:30-8:30 pm

The Friends of Wyneken will hold a tent sale at the historic Wyneken House on Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 from 8 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday, June 28 from 8 AM to 4 PM. Come check out the bargains on tools, household items, antiques, books, crafts, toys and collectibles! Visitors are invited to tour the Wyneken House to learn about Pastor F.C.D. Wyneken and the German Lutheran immigrants who settled in northeast Indiana during the 1800s. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –Improvements are coming along nicely but we still have a few things that need to be done, which means activity in the school needs to be limited. If you have any questions, please contact our AD, Mr. Brandon Schumm or the school office. Thank you for your patience.

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 July 6.** 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 June 15, 2025

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$8,931.63
Synod	250.00
Loose	762.50
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	49.47
Memorial	<u>40.00</u>
Total	\$10,183.60

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$2,786.88
Next week bills due: \$3,000
Bills due two weeks: \$32,000
Savings Account Balance \$32,090.04
Borrowed from Savings: \$24,000
Operating Loan Debt: \$29,950

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.**

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” – Lutheran Service Book 555 (stz. 5-6)

**(5) Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**

**(6) Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.**