

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

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Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

*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.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*

forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

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, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:11–21

¹¹[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*

give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we

preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”** ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”** ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Sermon

Offertory

C 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:

Carolyn Brinkley (recovering from Pneumonia)

Freyja Hancock (daughter of Alie Newnum recovering from surgery)

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 Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)

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

Sandra Flum (Susan Grafi's sister)

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

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

We pray for all military personnel

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 ✠ 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



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

- #634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
- #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- #750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

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

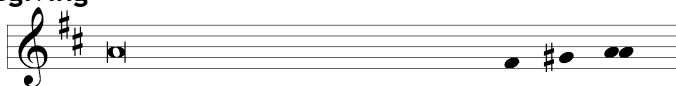


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

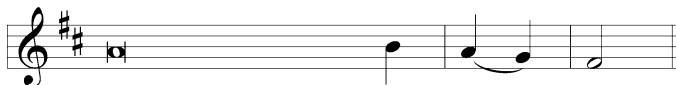


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

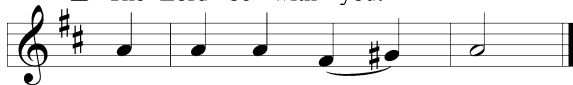


C A - men.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

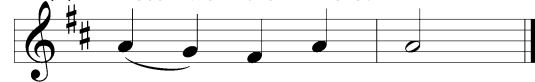


C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

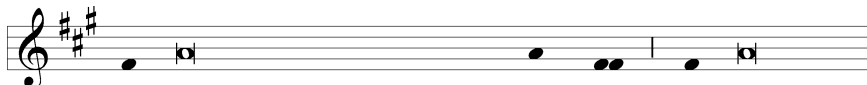


A Bless we the Lord.

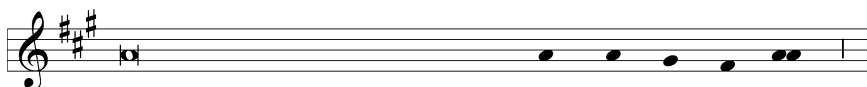


C Thanks be to God.

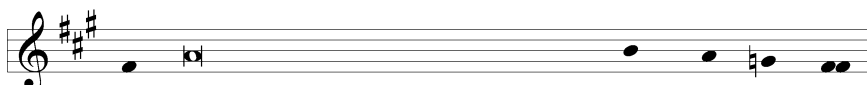
Benediction



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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching / Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Deacon	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Vicar	Sem. Charles McLain
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	Elders
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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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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

Installation of the newly elected church officers will be held on Sunday July 27th during the Divine Service.

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!

BABY SHOWER – The Women of Bethlehem are hosting a Baby Ingathering for Seminarian Brandon and Shaeli Streeks. A table is set up in the church foyer for cards, gifts, diapers and wipes. They are due anytime and are expecting a boy!

Shakespeare in the Garden - All are invited to the Dodgers' Home to read through Shakespeare's tragedy: "Macbeth" - the Scottish play about the man who killed his king. The Parlor City Shakespeare Company (including a couple of our own church members) will be performing this play in September. Reading through it in a group will help make it easier to fully enjoy the performance. We will meet on **Saturdays, August 2, 9, and 16, from 9-11am**. Drinks will be provided. Snacks to share are welcome, but not necessary. Weather permitting, we will sit outside, so if you have a lawn chair, please bring it, but we will have several available. Copies of the play will also be available. And if you don't like to read out loud, feel free to just come and listen.

DC Trip Coffee Fundraiser - Good news coffee lovers! You can now support the Washington DC group by ordering Old Canal coffee online oldcanalroasters.com. Use coupon code **AHZAVZFWRH** for a \$2 discount, and to credit our fundraiser. \$25 order minimum, items shipped directly to your home. We will continue to offer in person sales occasionally, but this option online is available any time. Speak with DoRena Wirgau for more information.

Andy's Knockout Chicken Fundraiser - Be a winner - try a chicken dinner for the Washington DC group! Sunday, July 27, 10:30-2:30 at New Hope. Presale tickets encouraged, and will be available after church July 13 & 20, or any time from 7/8th graders. Cost is \$9 for half chicken, and \$3 for potatoes. Contact Jason Rekeweg for more information.

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM - Join us for a day of food, fun and fellowship on September 6! We will be going to Shipshewana for some shopping, then going to the Blue Gate Theater where we will have a buffet meal and see "The Rise and Fall of Miss Fannie's Biscuits," an exciting mystery musical! Tickets are \$62.95 and include your show ticket and meal. All are welcome to join us. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Jill Holtzclaw or Melissa Tolson by July 27.

Looking for Volunteers in our School- We would like to find a few more volunteers for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, or if you know someone in the area, please speak to Pastor Dodgers. He wants to make sure our teachers have the support they need as they teach our kids. There are several possibilities: volunteers could work in the classrooms, or one on one with students, or work outside the classrooms by helping the teachers in making copies, etc. Thank you for your consideration!

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, July 27 from 2-5 PM. There will be ice cream with lots of fixings, as well as games and a water slide for the kids. Come see what's new at the house and learn more about Rev. Friedrich Wyneken, a pioneer circuit rider who also served as the president of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod from 1850 to 1864. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

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!

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 September 1.** 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 July 13, 2025

<u>Average weekly need</u>	<u>\$13,818</u>
Home Fund Env.	\$7,256.63
Synod	70.00
Loose	4,198.01
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	270.00
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	10.00
Total	<u>\$11,804.64</u>

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$286.41
Next week bills due:	\$5,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$14,000
Savings Account Balance	\$33,045.10
Borrowed from Savings:	\$24,000
Operating Loan Debt:	\$8,450
Church Attendance	
Sunday	173/125
Wednesday	28/20

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.**

Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" – Lutheran Service Book 865 (stz. 3-4)

(3) Hear us, dear Father, when we pray

For needed help from day to day

That as Your children we may live,

Whom you baptized and so received.

(4) Lord, when we fall or go astray,

Absolve and lift us up, we pray;

And through the Sacrament increase

Our faith till we depart in peace.