

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Third Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

July 6, 2025

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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.

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in 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.

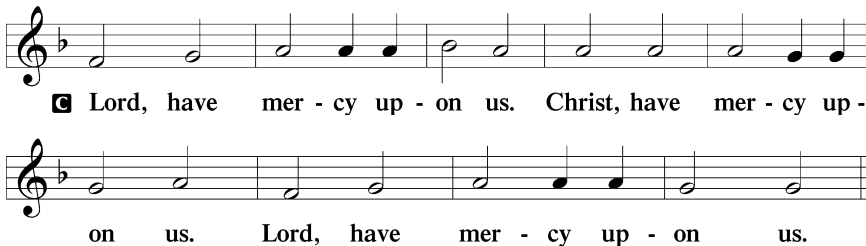
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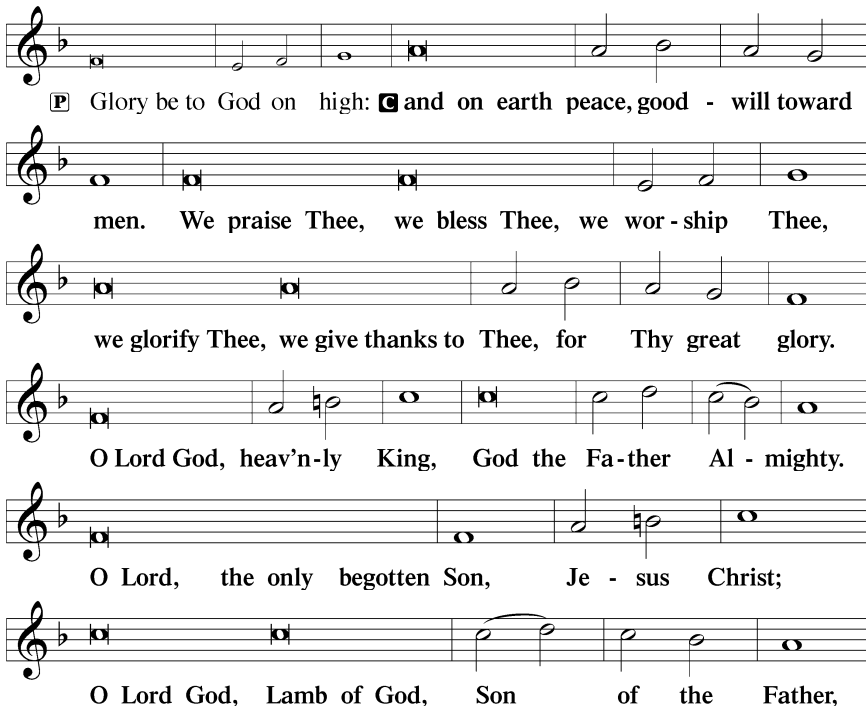
and forgive | all my sins.

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 protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

#608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

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

Installation of Vicar Charles McLain

Prayer of the Church

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

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 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)

Safe travel Youth traveling to Nebraska for the Higher Things Conference July 6-12

Thanksgiving - Donald Lutz for his 97th birthday

Danielle Chritchley as our newly hired 1st and 2nd grade teacher

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. Moebring's son Stephen in Israel.*

Landrie Levitz, sister of Mariab 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 Lutze (Lutheran Life Village)

Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament

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:

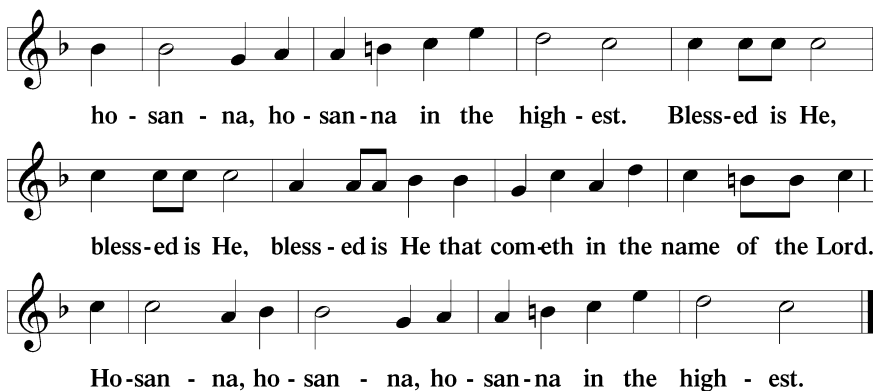
Sanctus



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

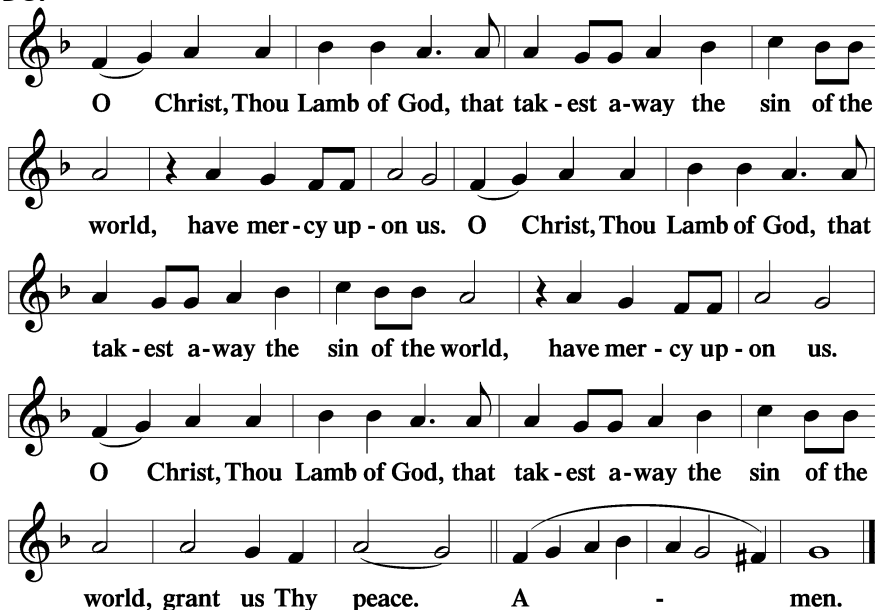


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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.

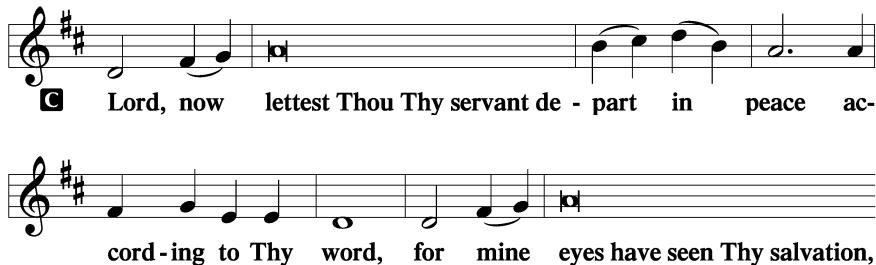
Distribution

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

- #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- #631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
- #611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be
- #700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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.
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.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

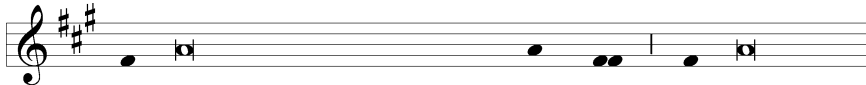


A Bless we the Lord.

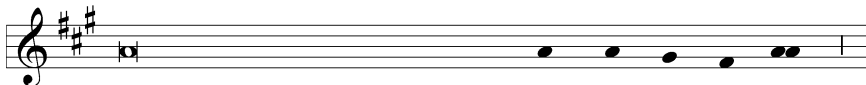


C Thanks be to God.

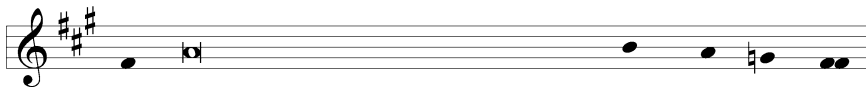
Benediction



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

#965 God Bless Our Native Land

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	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	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Acolytes	Elders
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer
	Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Nathanael Werling, Jacob Werling

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
(Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com)	
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	260-597-7121
Bethlehem Lutheran School	260-597-7366
Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley	260-705-4105
Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
<i>Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org</i>	

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Welcome Reception
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Family Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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

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!

FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the Glory of God and birthday blessings for Donald Lutz 97 years old today. (July 6)

We wish Don Lutz blessings on his 97th birthday on July 6! If you wish to send him a card, his address is 6723 South Anthony Boulevard, Apt. S310, Fort Wayne, IN 46816. Congratulations to Don!

PLEASE JOIN US for a welcome reception for our newly appointed Vicar, Charles McLain and his wife Natalie in the Fellowship Hall following today's Divine Service.

THANK YOU to all for your abundant generosity! My family and I cannot begin to express how much we appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you for letting us be a part of the Bethlehem family! **THANK YOU** to the Church Council, the Elders, the School Board, the Women of Bethlehem, and the LYF for the beautiful Ed Riojas printing of the hymn "God's Own Child"! It is a beautiful addition to our home! Sem. Morgan and Amelia Phillips

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.

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.

All Women of Bethlehem are invited to join in our third of four hikes we will go on over the next few months. We will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday July 12 at the Kokiwanee Nature Preserve located at 5825 E. 50 S. Lagro, IN. Questions? Need to carpool? Text Melissa Tolson at (260)417-4898. Hope you join the fun!

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.

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.

Fall Banquet You're invited to join Right to Life of Northeast Indiana on Tuesday, October 14th at 5:30 pm at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for the Fall Banquet with **keynote speaker Kirk Cameron!** Come celebrate our 51st year as an organization. Sponsorships, tables, and tickets are available for purchase. This event is expected to be a record-breaking size. Tables purchased sooner will be closer to the stage.

Offering June 29, 2025

Average weekly need \$13,818
 Home Fund Env. \$7,913.63
 Synod
 Loose 209.80
 Scholarship Fund
 Sunday School
 Improvement Fund
 Endowment Fund
 Organ Fund
 Vicarage Reimb. 700.00
 Total \$8,823.63

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$327.76
 Next week bills due: \$4,000
 Bills due two weeks: \$13,000

Savings Account Balance \$32,090.63
 Borrowed from Savings: \$24,000
 Operating Loan Debt: \$8,450

Church Attendance

Sunday 160/127
 Wednesday 27/23

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of May 31, 2025:

\$366,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
223,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
332,817.99 - Amount generated since 2009
-149,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
\$773,128.81 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of May 31, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund
\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024
2,621.67 - Amount generated since November 2024
\$ 92,700.60 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of May 31, 2025

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. 9-10)

**(9) Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

**(10) All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heaven above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**

Dear saints at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School,

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! To Him be all the glory! It has been an honor and a joy to serve as Vicar at Bethlehem over the past year. I am extremely grateful for the experience that I have received to aid in my pastoral formation.

Thank you for all that you and your families have done for me and my family, we truly appreciate it and give God thanks for you! My family and I could not have asked for a better church home away from home than what we have received here at Bethlehem. You welcomed us with open arms, and were always willing to lend a helping hand, or two, or three, or more. We can't wait to see what God has in store for you in the years to come.

As my time as your vicar ends, I am reminded of what St. Paul spoke to the church in Colossae and then to me at my vicarage installation: *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him”* (Colossians 3:15-17). I give God the glory for the blessings that he has bestowed upon me while serving you, the blessed saints at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School.

Once again, I am truly thankful for the opportunity to have served my vicarage at what I believe is the best congregation and school that one could possibly serve at. God's richest blessings in the year to come, and I hope to keep in touch with you throughout my final year at the seminary, and in what comes after my time at the seminary.

In Christ

Seminarian Morgan Phillips

Vicar at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (2024-2025)

Andy's Knockout Chicken

*July 27th
10:30 to 2:30*

*New Hope Lutheran
Church, Ossian*



*Proceeds benefit Bethlehem Lutheran
7th & 8th grade Washington DC trip*

Bethlehem Lutheran School Ossian, Indiana Coffee Fundraiser



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WITH GREAT PLEASURE,
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THE ORDINATION OF
REVEREND
ISAAC MATTHEW
SPANGLER

Saturday, July 5, 2025
2:00 in the afternoon

Zion Lutheran Church
1018 Cicero Rd
Edgerton, OH

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the support and prayers you have given my family throughout our time at the seminary. It has been a long four years with many challenges but, thanks to God's grace and the care of His Church, we have made it through. I will have completed my final quarter at the seminary by the time you receive this letter and Katie and I will be preparing to move back to Ohio in the middle of June.

Three weeks ago, I received the call to be pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Edgerton Ohio. I am overjoyed to begin my service in the Office of Holy Ministry among the saints in Edgerton. I am also thankful that you have been so instrumental in making it possible for my attending the Fort Wayne Seminary. With all the talk of alternative routes, online seminaries, and less integrated modes of pastoral formation, it is more important than ever to encourage our future pastors to attend one of our Concordia seminaries (or, if another residential seminary were to start, to attend there). The formation and forced improvement that I have received here is priceless. Being forced to use the languages and improve my exegetical abilities, live among those who have been in the office or are also approaching the office, and to talk through the difficult issues presented by our culture have granted me skills and resources that are necessary for pastoral ministry and would not have been possible without the in-person, shoulder to shoulder experiences at a residential seminary.

Please continue to pray for us as we begin our move and I begin the ministry. If you would like to attend, my ordination will be held on July 5th at 2 p.m. at Zion in Edgerton (1018 Cicero Rd, Edgerton, OH 43517)- we'd be happy to see you there!

May the Lord keep you in the resurrection Faith and continue to come to you in Word and Sacrament.

Peace in Christ,

Isaac Spangler

