

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

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## Processional Hymn

## #901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so  
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,  
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,  
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;  
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed  
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O  
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing  
While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!  
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!  
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.  
foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal

**punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ~~the~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (*sung responsively with the choir*)



All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.

**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.**

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*  
singing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

**Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\***  
**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.**

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.”

**Come and see what | God has done:\***  
**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**

Blessèd | be God,\*  
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

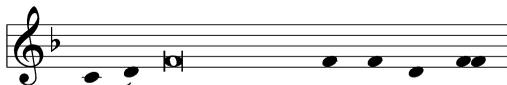
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
they sing praises | to your name.

**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.**

Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



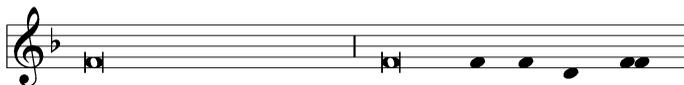
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



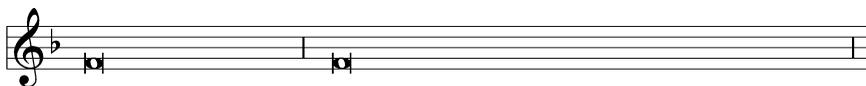
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



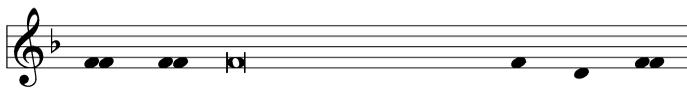
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Response “O Day Full of Grace”

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:22–33*

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, **“Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”** <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each

holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “**Fill the jars with water.**” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “**Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.**” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

## #402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

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

*Brianne Graft (daughter inlaw of Kim and Gina)*

*Jenny Peterson (friend of Cheryl Louison)*

*Kenneth Werling, James DeFrain*

*Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)*

*Grace Anderson (friend of Macie Saalfrank with brain tumor)*

*Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister)*

*Hazel Krenzke (granddaughter of Dan and Sue Buchinger)*

*Brittany (Conrad) Clausius*

*Elaine Scallon (cousin of Loren Dathe battling cancer)*

*Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

**We remember those who have passed before us:** *Thoughts and prayers are appreciated*

*Terry Werling (nephew of Doyle Werling and Jean Anderson)*

*Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen)*

**We pray for our expectant mothers** *Hannah Stuckwisch, Makena Graham*

*Kaitlin (Meyer) Blair, Reese Springer, Lillyan Laley, Jessica Schumm*

**We pray for our members shut-in:**

*Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

*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**

## Offering

## Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the 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.

# Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



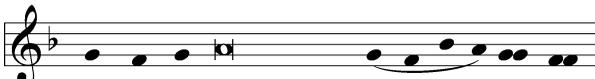
**C** And al - so with you.



**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

## #394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93  
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## #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splendor, There with joy your praises render.  
mortal He is knocking at your portal.  
heaven God to us has freely given.  
boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:



Bless the One whose grace unbound - ed This amazing  
O - pen wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



banquet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
there adore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true body, for you  
us is given. Oh, most glorious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
ceive You, That I never - more will leave You.  
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 You once left Your throne in heaven  
 On the cross for me to languish  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all joy and gladness  
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your love I am invited,  
 Be Your love with love requited;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
 Through the gift of grace You give me  
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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## #845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess; And let us love each  
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
 That names the Savior's name;  
 His family embraces all  
 Whose Father is the same.

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### #408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where  
 2 The old wine now is gone From  
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids  
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here  
 △ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through

Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who  
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it  
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty  
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both  
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,

come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.  
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

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### Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared 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.  
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.

### 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.

**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## #514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."  
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;  
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:  
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;  
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

Text: Johann Walter, 1496–1570; (st. 1): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (sts. 2–4): tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius  
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***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	Vicar Charles McLain
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
Elders on Duty	Bruce Werling and Mike Schumm
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choir	Bethlehem Adult Choir
Crucifer	JT Holtzclaw
Acolytes	Jude Wirgau and Hunter Householder
Altar Guild Chairman	Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm
Ushers	Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert, Evan Springer

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Chapel Service</b>
	5:30 p.m. Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service</b>
	Adult Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY &amp; SATURDAY</b>	Bethlehem Varsity Boys Tournament
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossoniansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossoniansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehelutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**PASTORS CALENDAR** - Pastor Wirgau will be gone this morning attending to his duties as a Circuit Visitor. Feel free to contact him if you have any needs. Thank you.

**PAINTING CLASS** – The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting a Painting Class on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> (corrected date). If interested, please sign up on the sheet posted to the WOB bulletin board.

**The 2026 Usher Schedule is now available and can be picked up in the church office.**

**Chapel Mission Project** – Bethlehem Lutheran School will be participating in a **“Penny War”** between the student chapel families to help with our next chapel offering to Orphan Grain Train. The money will be used to purchase and assemble school-supply kits. These kits will be assembled during Lutheran Schools Week, January 26-30. There will be opportunities for the church and school to work together on donations. There are jars located in the hallway during school days and in the church on weekends. Each jar has the name of a chapel family. How to play: Pennies and dollars (\$1, \$5, \$10, etc.) count as positive points, silver coins (nickels, dimes, quarters) count as negative points. Each chapel family will compete to see who can raise the most funds.

**CHILI COOK-OFF and GAME NIGHT** – February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at New Hope Lutheran Church. Sign up to bring your favorite chili to be voted on for prizes. We will also have a Euchre tournament along with board games and other activities for kids. This free-will event is to raise funds for the Bethlehem and New Hope Youth Groups attending the 2026 Higher Things Convention this summer. Contact Deaconess Boehm for questions.

**Folk Dancing - Sunday, February 8th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the school gym.**

Adults and children are invited to attend. No experience is required. Instructions will be given before each dance. Admission: \$1 per person or \$5 per family. For questions contact Kantor Brinkley. Please join us for this fun event!

**LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** –Come and learn at the Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute. Four different classes, taught by Seminary professors and local pastors, are offered from 7-9:15pm at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Registration begins at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 27. Cost is just \$10.00 and covers all four weeks. Free to high school and college students. For more information, see the attached flyer or contact our representatives, Ted and Denise Schumm.

**Vendors wanted!** The St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School 7th/8th grade classes are sponsoring a spring craft show on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the gym at Emmanuel (Soest) to raise funds for their Washington, DC Trip. Craft booth pricing and registration form available at <https://bit.ly/SJECraft>. Direct questions to Mr. Jesse Muehler by email to [jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com](mailto:jessem@stjohn-emmanuel.com) or call the school office at (260) 639-0123.

**Aluminum Can Recycling Collection-** The Washington DC group would like to remind everyone that we are looking for “pop can” style cans only for collection purposes. We are starting to find trash and glass in the recycling bin here at church which slows the sorting process down. If anyone has any questions, please contact Jay Werling or Jason Rekeweg. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

**SCRIP –** Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. **For questions or for placing an order, please contact Jill Holtzclaw 260-301-1965 our current PTL representative.**

**Offering January 11, 2026**

**Average weekly need \$14,000**

Home Fund Env.	\$8,564.86
Synod	170.00
Loose	276.50
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	
Gym Rental	100.00
Total	\$9,261.36

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$45,843.25</b>
Next week’s bills due:	\$6,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$30,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$53,715.05</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$15,000
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

**Church Attendance**

Sunday	155/125
Wednesday	20/15

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of November 30, 2025:  
 \$373,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009  
 230,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched  
 397,451.70 - Amount generated since 2009  
-179,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009  
 \$821,762.52 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of November 30, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund

\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024  
 9,979.73 - Amount generated since November 2024  
-10,000.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2024  
 \$ 90,058.66 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of November 30, 2025

**The 2025 Offering Tax Statements are now available in the north church hallway.**

**COME & LEARN**



## **Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute**

**2026 Sessions: January 27, February 3, 10 & 17**

*Choose one of these stimulating courses:*

***Christ and His Work: See it in the Psalms***

Rev. Dr. Daniel Brøge – St. Paul Preble Lutheran Church, Decatur

***God's Service: The Lutheran Liturgy at the 500th Anniversary of Luther's German Mass***

Rev. Raymond Doubrava II – New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian

***Bearing Fruit for God: How to Live the Christian Life***

Rev. Dr. Gifford Grobien – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

***Martyrdom Accounts from the Early Church***

Rev. Andrew Yeager – St. Paul Preble Lutheran Church, Decatur

**Tuition:** \$10 per adult (covers 4 sessions), FREE for all students!

Bring your own personal Bible.

**Enrollment:** Opening night at 6:30 pm followed by classes from 7-9:15 pm

**Location:** Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, US Hwy 27, just north of Decatur

**Minimal Time Commitment!  
Low Cost! No Homework!**

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following the Second Sunday after the Epiphany



The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “the mountains shall drip sweet wine” (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “back” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “love one another with brotherly affection . . .” and to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:6–16).

## **The Order of Meditation and Prayer**

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

*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.**

***Hymn of the Week: "The Only Son from Heaven" LSB 402***

***Recite the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed (LSB pg. 264)***

***The Catechism:***

***What is the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer?***

Thy kingdom come.

***What does this mean?***

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

***How does God's kingdom come?***

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

***What is Colossians 1:13-14?***

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

***Psalm 67 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	89	91	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103
P.M.	90	93	94	97	99	102	104

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Matthew 4:1-11 -The Temptation of Our Lord Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29
Tues.	Matthew 4:12-25 - Jesus' Ministry and the Call of the Fishermen Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23
Wed.	Matthew 5:1-12- The Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes Joel 1:1-20
Thu.	Matthew 5:13-20 - Christ's Righteousness Fulfills the Law Joel 2:1-17
Fri.	Matthew 5:21-26 - You Shall Not Murder Joel 2:18-32
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

***Collect of the Day***

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***Daily Themes For Prayer***

***Sunday:*** *For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.*

**Monday:** For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

**Tuesday:** For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

**Wednesday:** For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

**Thursday:** For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

**Friday:** For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

**Saturday:** For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

**In our Prayers this week: Strength and healing:** Brianne, Jenny, James, Kenneth, Dan, Grace, Lisa, Hazel, Brittany, Elaine, Carla, Brandon, Sandra  
**Expectant mothers:** Hannah, Makena, Kaitlin, Reese, Lillyan  
**Homebound:** Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha.

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism**  
(LSB pg. 266)

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**

**Looking forward to Sunday Morning: The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-14 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9; Hymns: 415; 413; 617; 618; 414; 395; 412; 418