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Processional Hymn

#415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak



1 Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in
 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing
 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
 in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!
 sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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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 ~~H~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

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Introit (*sung responsively with the choir*)



Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house, *
ever sing- | ing your praise!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my

God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

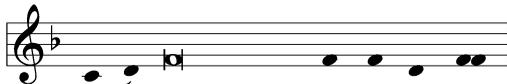
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Your lightnings lighted | up the world; *
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

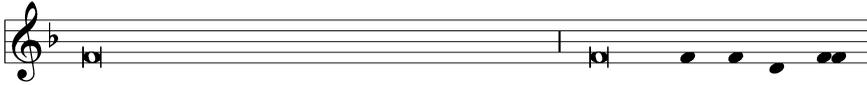
Kyrie



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.



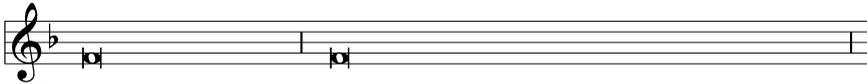
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–14

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response “We saw His Glory”

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

Matthew 17:1–9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “**Rise, and have no fear.**” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “**Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.**”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

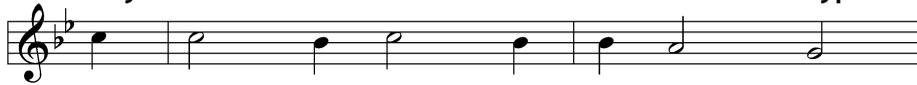
C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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

#413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



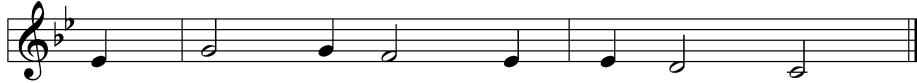
1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 △ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Brianne Graft (daughter in-law 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 Wiederhold (cousin of Otto Clausen)

We pray for our expectant mothers *Hannah Stuckwisch, Makena Graham, Kaitlin (Meyer) Blair*

Reese Springer, Lilhyan Laley, Jessica Schumm, Shelby Todd

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 *National Lutheran Schools Week*

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.



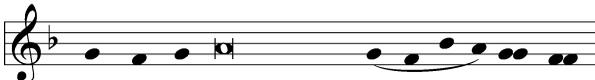
C And al - so with you.



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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. **Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.**

Distribution Hymns

#617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546
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#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Refrain
 Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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#414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past And
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

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#395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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#412 The People That in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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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.

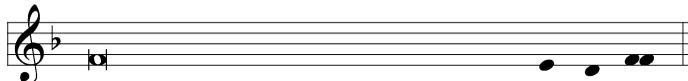
Post-Communion Collect

- 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

#417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin, c. 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: John Goss, 1800–80
Text and tune: Public domain

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please take a moment to sign one of the register books located in each of the church foyers. If you would like to be contacted by the pastor or an elder, then please take a moment to fill out one of the green cards on the narthex tables and give it to an elder or drop it in the offering collection plate. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again. Thank you!

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

February Newsletter Items are NOW Due.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Vicar	Sem. Charles McLain
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
Elders on Duty	Bruce Werling and Mike Schumm
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Choirs	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
Crucifer	Lucas Werling
Acolytes	Jude Wirgau and Hunter Householder
Altar Guild Chairman	Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm
Ushers	Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann Peyton Laley, Gavin Laley, Kyle Patrick, Aaron Anthony

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
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TODAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class or Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
MONDAY	National Lutheran Schools Week
	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
TUESDAY	5:00 p.m. Endowment Fund Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m. Boys vs Harlan (HOME)
	7:00 p.m. Girls vs Harlan (HOME)
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m. Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
	Adult Choir Practice
SATURDAY	1-3:00 p.m. WOB Painting Class (Fellowship Hall)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

PAINTING CLASS – The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting a Painting Class on Saturday, January 31st from 13. Ruth Green will teach us how to paint a polar bear winter picture. Cost for the class is \$10 each. If interested, please sign up on the sheet posted to the WOB bulletin board.

Chapel Mission Project – Bethlehem Lutheran School is 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 are donation jars located in the church foyer. 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 7th 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.

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICHES are back again this year! Footlong deluxe subs for \$12.00 each, and will be ready Sunday February 8, 10:15am-11:30am.. Pick up your order forms at our table after church today. See Denise or Tisha if you have any questions or text/call 260-301-4342. Proceeds go to the Bethlehem Scholarship Fund. Please have your orders in by February 1st.

Spring Women's Bible Study: "Christ in the Psalms". Beginning the week before Lent, we will study the appointed psalm for each Lenten week, correlating with Bethlehem's Lenten services and our Lenten devotional. We will incorporate Visual Faith practices, explore multiple Bible translations, and reflect on key words and phrases. Please let Deaconess know if you're interested so we can determine the best meeting times, with morning, afternoon, or evening/virtual options available.

New Hope is hosting a Senior Dinner on February 19th at 11:30 am. The speaker will be Jody Heaston, a naturalist from Ouabache State Park. Please call 260-622-7954 or 260-223-4830 for reservations. Thank you

Next book club pick: "Hannah Coulter" by Wendell Berry. We will meet at 8am at Crimson House on Saturday, April 18th. *Hannah Coulter* is told in the voice of an elderly woman reflecting on her life, family, and deep ties to the farming community of Port William, Kentucky. The novel affirms the enduring value of love, land, and community amid loss and modern change. **If you are interested or need help finding a copy, please contact Deaconess Boehm.*

COFFEE FUNDRAISER - The 7/8th Graders are again offering in-person ordering of Old Canal Coffee! You can place orders from any student through Feb 2nd. New flavors available! Speak with DoRena Wirgau if you have questions. Thank you for your support as our students prepare for the April trip!

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 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 18, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$15,761.57
Synod	700.00
Loose	257.51
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	22.00
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	200.00
Organ Fund	49.47
Music Fund	250.00
Gym Rental	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$17,340.55

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$55,639.42
Next week’s bills due:	\$30,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$5,000
Savings Account Balance	\$54,865.05
Borrowed from Savings:	\$15,000
Operating Loan Balance	\$30,000
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday	202/150
Wednesday	18/15

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



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 Brege – 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!

A central graphic features a red chili pepper in a brown crock pot. The crock pot has the text "Chili COOK-OFF & EUCHRE TOURNAMENT" written on it. Behind the crock pot are five playing cards: a heart, a club, a diamond, and two spades. The background is orange with several red chili peppers scattered around.

**Chili
COOK-OFF
&
EUCHRE
TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday
February 7, 2026
6:00p.m.**

**New Hope Lutheran Church
8643-8691 IN-1,
Ossian, IN 46777**

FREE WILL OFFERING
Proceeds will go to New Hope & Bethlehem Youth for
Higher Things 2026 Trip to St. Louis, MO.

To Sign up for the Euchre Tournament/Chili Entry:
Printed copy on back of form or online registration at <http://blcsoossian.org/chilicookoff>

Event Details

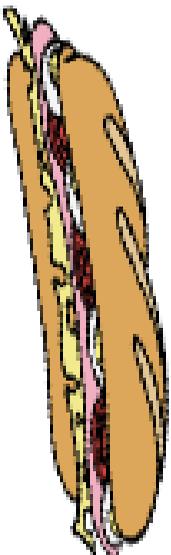
Menu:
Chili, Hot dogs, dessert, and drinks

Chili Info:
To enter to win the chili cook-off, please bring a large crock pot of chili. Sampling cups, bowls, and spoons provided as well as some toppings/crackers. You will be assigned a number which will allow others to vote for your chili. Prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Last call for chili and voting at 7:15pm, winner announced at 7:30pm.

Euchre Tournament/Games:
Euchre Tournament with prizes for 1st place team. Tournament begins at 6:15 for those wanting to participate. 7:15pm last call for chili and voting. Winner is announced at 7:30.
Kids board games, cards, coloring and other activities are available. (feel free to bring your favorites also!)

? Questions? Contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm 260-415-8526

SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICHES



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

_____ # **12" DELUXE SUB** \$12.00 each

(Ham, Bologna, Salami, Swiss & American Cheese,
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, and Green Peppers)

Name _____ Paid _____

Profits go to Bethlehem Seminary Scholarship Fund
Please have your orders in by Sunday, February 1

Make checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Orders can be placed in an envelope in the church office,
given to Tisha Laley or Denise Schumm, or text/call 260-301-4342

Subs may be picked up or brought out to your car at the gym entrance from 10:15am-11:30am



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Sunday, February 8th

from 3:00 to 4:30 pm

in the school gym.

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The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The week following the Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

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, Brandon, Sandra
Expectant mothers: Hannah, Makena, Kaitlin, Reese, Lillyan, Jessica, Shelby
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: Septuagesima

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16; Hymns: 523; 555; 619; 620; 761; 909; 566

Psalm 2 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	105	107	109	112, 113	115	117 118	119:1-24
P.M.	106	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 5:27-32 - You Shall Not Commit Adultery Zechariah 2:1-3:10
Tues.	Matthew 5:33-37 - You Shall Not Give False Testimony Zechariah 4:1-5:11
Wed.	Matthew 5:38-48 - Love Your Enemies Zechariah 6:1-7:14
Thu.	Matthew 6:1-18 - The Lord's Prayer Zechariah 8:1-23
Fri.	Matthew 6:19-34 - Lay Up for Yourselves Treasure in Heaven Zechariah 9:1-17
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, 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.*

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: "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB 413

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

The Catechism:

What is the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

What is John 6:40?

For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:40