

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Divine Service – Setting One

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Opening Hymn

#523 O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.
Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 1693, 3rd ed., Meiningen
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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 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (*sung responsively*)



The cords of Sheol en- | tangled me;*
the snares of death con- | fronted me.

In my distress I called up- | on the LORD.*

From his temple he | heard my voice.

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

For you save a humble | people,*

but the haughty eyes | you bring down.

[You have] equipped | me with strength*

and made my way | blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,*

and sing | to your name.

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

and to the Holy | Spirit;

*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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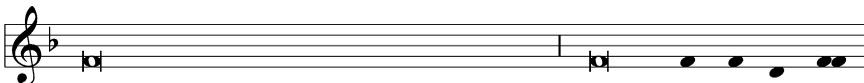
Kyrie



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 Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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.

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Gradual

**The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,*
a stronghold in times of | trouble.
And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.
For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.
A- | rise, O LORD!*
Let not | man prevail.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

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

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

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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)

Wedding Anniversary Blessing: *Keith and Dorothy Krick celebrating 50 years*

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

Reese Springer, Lillyan Laley, Jessica Schumm, Shelby Todd, Grace (Stoppenbagen) Mandeville

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

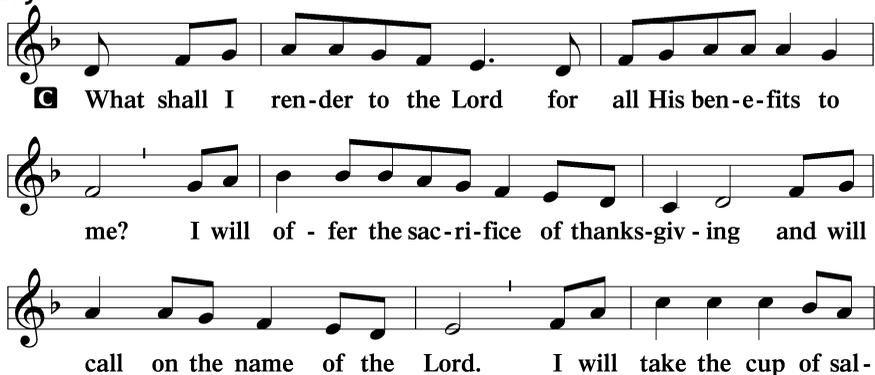
Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering

Offertory



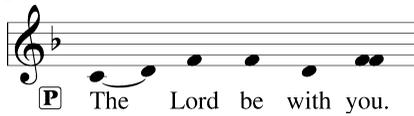
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



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.

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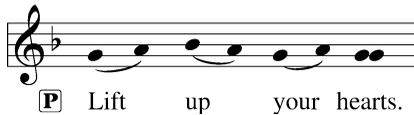
Preface



P The Lord be with you.



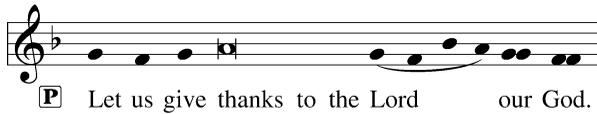
C And al - so with you.



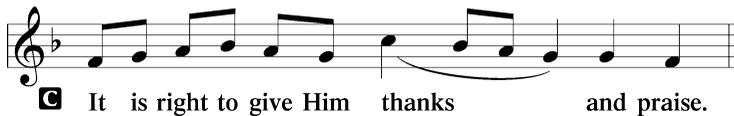
P Lift up your hearts.



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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C 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

#555 (7-10) Salvation unto Us Has Come



7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con - science -
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un -
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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#619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



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

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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#620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960
Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645-1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758
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#730 What Is the World to Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-78
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872
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#909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659-95, adapt.
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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.

G 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.



A - men.

Closing Hymn

#566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Vicar	Sem. Charles McLain
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Andrew Stoppenhagen
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolytes	Matthew Rekeweg and Jonah Bultemeier
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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. Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	5:30 p.m. Wholyfit (downstairs music room)
	6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
TUESDAY	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
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<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 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!

THE FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMN BOARD are placed in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Krick's 50th Wedding Anniversary. We acknowledge that our marriage is a precious gift from God and we are thankful for the many blessings that have filled our lives throughout the years. *For anyone wanting to send cards, can send them to their Florida home, 2525 US 27 South, Lot #22, Avon Park, FL 33825*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, February 8th at 11:30 a.m.

CARD SHOWER for Joyce Schaper, celebrating her 93rd Birthday on February 1st. Please send cards to: 5941E 900 N, Ossian IN 46777

CARD SHOWER for Ralph Bauermeister celebrating his 93rd Birthday, February 10th. Please send cards to: 8075 N 750 E, Ossian, IN 46777

ATTENTION ALL BETHLEHEM WOMEN, OUR NEXT WOB MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 15TH AT 8:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.

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.

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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, February 3^d (rescheduled).* 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.

ORDER SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICHES TODAY Footlong deluxe subs for \$12.00 each. The subs will be ready next Sunday February 8, 10:15am-11:30am. We will take your orders at the table in the foyer 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. Thank you!

Spring Women's Bible Study: "Christ in the Psalms". Beginning the week of February 9th, 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. We will meet on Tuesday's at 2:00 and Thursday's at 6:30p.m. in the Youth Room. Please let Deaconess know if you're interested.

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.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and REGISTER NOW for CRAFT FOR A CAUSE!

Saturday, March 7 from 7am-7pm - Join us for a day of crafting fun! Bring your craft supplies and enjoy good food, fellowship and 12 hours of crafting time. Forms are available on the table in the front hall. Contact Deann Oliver with questions 616-894-0144.

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 are 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.

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 25, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$5,051.61
Synod	
Loose	92.25
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	20.25
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
IRS Refund	734.04
Total	\$5,898.15

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$30,370.20
Next week's bills due: \$5,000
Bills due two weeks: \$16,000
Savings Account Balance \$54,865.05
Borrowed from Savings: \$14,983.81
Operating Loan Balance \$30,000
Borrowed from Op Loan \$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday	72/56
Wednesday	19/15

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!



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://blcossian.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.



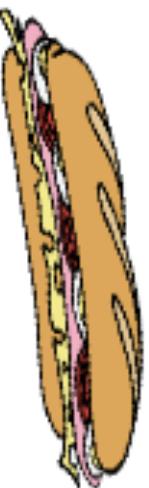
Euchre Tournament/Games:

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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The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The week following Septuagesima Sunday



The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1–7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1–16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24–10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.

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: "Salvation unto Us Has Come" LSB 555

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

The Catechism:

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

What is Psalm 145:15-16?

The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them their food in due season.

You open your hand;

You satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

Psalm 95:1-9 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126	128, 129	131, 132
P.M.	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 7:1-14 - Jesus Is the Narrow Way Zechariah 12:1-13:9
Tues.	Matthew 7:15-29- The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock Zechariah 14:1-21
Wed.	Matthew 8:1-4 - Jesus Cleanses a Leper Job 1:1-22
Thu.	Matthew 8:5-13 -Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant Job 2:1-3:10
Fri.	Matthew 8:14-22- Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Job 3:11-26
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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, 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: Sexagesima

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9;
Gospel: Luke 8:4-15; Hymns: 586; 823; 622; 623; 748; 730; 655