

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *Second Sunday in Lent*

*"Reminiscere"*

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## Opening Hymn

## #713 From God Can Nothing Move Me



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side  
2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure  
3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?  
4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.  
Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.  
In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.  
He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,  
He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.  
So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it  
He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.  
His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.  
Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

- 5 Praise God with acclamation  
And in His gifts rejoice.  
Each day finds its vocation  
Responding to His voice.  
Soon years on earth are past;  
But time we spend expressing  
The love of God brings blessing  
That will forever last!
- 6 Yet even though I suffer  
The world's unpleasantness,  
And though the days grow rougher  
And bring me great distress,  
That day of bliss divine,  
Which knows no end or measure,  
And Christ, who is my pleasure,  
Forever shall be mine.

△ 7 For thus the Father willed it,  
 Who fashioned us from clay;  
 And His own Son fulfilled it  
 And brought eternal day.  
 The Spirit now has come,  
 To us true faith has given;  
 He leads us home to heaven.  
 O praise the Three in One!

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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## Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult | over me.\***

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

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

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

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\***  
**according to your steadfast love remember me,**

**for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!**

Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

**For your name's sake, | O LORD,\***  
**pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**

***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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for they have been | from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult | over me.\***

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

## Kyrie



**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**



**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**The Lord be with you.**



**And with thy spir - it.**



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Reading

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” <sup>28</sup>Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.” <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Response “All Praise to God who Reigns Above”

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

*Psalm 106:1–4*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,\*  
or declare | all his praise?  
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*  
who do righteousness | at all times!  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;\*  
help me when you | save them.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21–28*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “**It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.**” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “**O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.**” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,

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

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day

### #615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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## Sermon

## Offertory *(sung by the choir)*

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Darlene Jester (sister of Melissa Tolson), Jerry Springer (cancer)*

*Amelia Phillips, James DeFrain, Kenneth Werling*

*Jenny Peterson (friend of Cheryl Louison)*

*Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)*

*Grace Anderson (friend of Macie Saalfrank)*

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

*Brittany (Conrad) Clausius*

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

**We pray for our expectant mothers** *Hannah Stuckwisch, Makena Graham, Kaitlin (Meyer) Blair  
Reese Springer, Lilhyan Laley, Jessica Schumm, Shelby Todd, Grace (Stoppenhagen) 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**

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## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  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

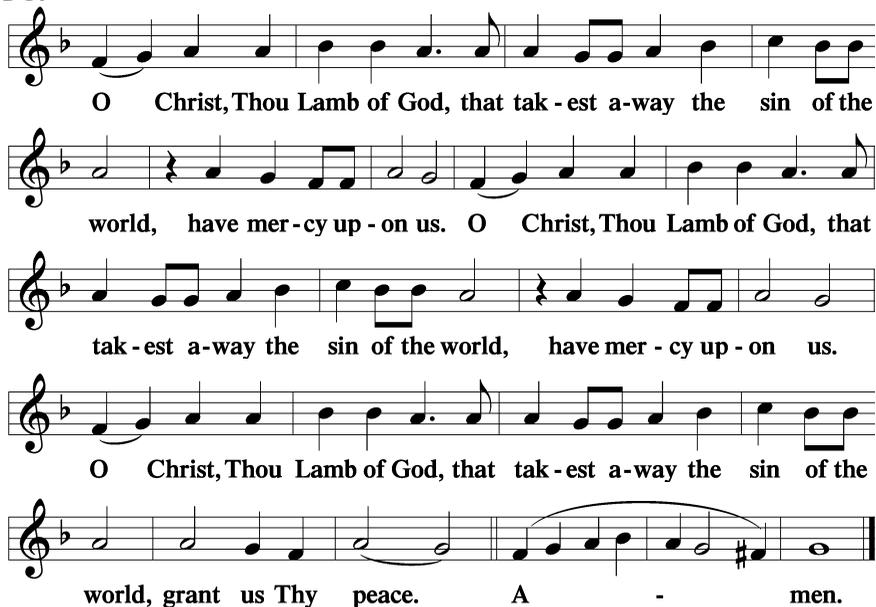


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## Distribution

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

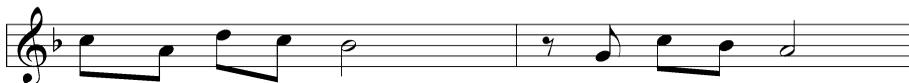
## Distribution Hymns

## #629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread?  
2 What is this wine?  
3 So who am I,  
4 Yet is God here?  
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y  
The blood of  
That I should  
Oh, yes! By  
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:  
 Je - sus shed for mine;  
 live and He should die  
 Word and prom - ise clear,  
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,  
 The cup of grace  
 Un - der the rod?  
 In mouth and soul  
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,  
 Brings His em - brace  
 My God, my God,  
 He makes us whole—  
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -  
 Of life and love un - til I  
 Why have You not for - sak - en  
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—  
 sing! O taste and see—  
 me? O taste and see—  
 meal. O taste and see—  
 blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.  
 the Lord is King.  
 the Lord is free.  
 the Lord is real.  
 the Lord is good.

Text: Frederic W. Baue, 1946

Tune: Jean Neuhauser Baue, 1951

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## #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



1	Now, my tongue, the	mys - t'ry tell - ing	Of the glo - rious
2	Giv'n for us, and	con - de - scend - ing	To be born for
3	That last night at	sup - per ly - ing	Mid the Twelve, His
4	Word made flesh, the	bread He tak - eth,	By His word His
△ 5	Glo - ry let us	give and bless - ing	To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing,	And the blood, all	price ex - cel - ling,
us be - low,	He with us in	con - verse blend - ing
cho - sen band,	Je - sus, with the	Law com - ply - ing,
flesh to be;	Wine His sa - cred	blood He mak - eth,
and the Son,	Hon - or, thanks, and	praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen-tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -  
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with  
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious  
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the  
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woe.  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.  
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225-1274; tr. The Hymnal 1940

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## #770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819-86

Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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## #779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.  
Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817  
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## #708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
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## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

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

### Thanksgiving

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

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

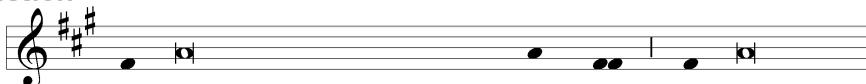


**A** Bless we the Lord.

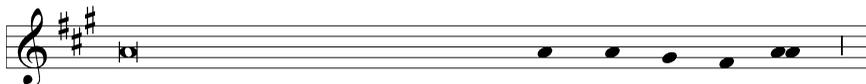


**G** Thanks be to God.

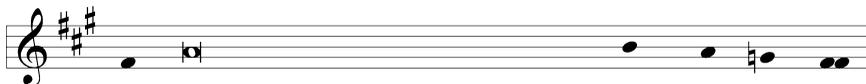
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

## #693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em-brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea-sure.  
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered  
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new  
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851-1929, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.***  
***<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchrossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream***

## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching / Celebrant</b>	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
<b>Vicar</b>	Sem. Charles McLain
<b>Fieldworker</b>	Sem. Brandon Streeks
<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Bruce Werling
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Bruce Meyer and Steve Conrad
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Choir</b>	Bethlehem Junior Choir
<b>Acolytes</b>	JT Holtzclaw and Lucas Werling
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm
<b>Ushers</b>	Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert, Evan Springer

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>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>	2:00 p.m.	WOB Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Wholyfit (downstairs music room)
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	5-5:30 p.m.	Confession and Absolution
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service</b>
		Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:30 p.m.	Wholyfit (downstairs music room)
	6:30 p.m.	WOB Bible Study
<b>SATURDAY</b>		WOB Craft for a Cause Event (all day in the school gym)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class – Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

**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.

**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT** – Please join us for Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, feel free to attend the morning Chapel Services at 10:00 am. *The Bethlehem Youth and parents will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00pm. and the meal for Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> Chicken sandwiches, mac and cheese, veggies, cookies.*

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** - As in years past, for all the Wednesdays of Lent Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution (LSB page 292) from 5:00-5:30 in the sanctuary of Bethlehem for those who would desire this as part of the Lenten devotions. As with the rite of Confession and Absolution that begins each of our Sunday services, the rite for individuals is yet another opportunity for us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness from Christ through the pastor. Every sin does not need to be listed nor do any particular sins need to be named. But for those sins "which we know and feel in our hearts" (Small Catechism) this is a wonderful opportunity to hear and receive the comforting forgiveness of Christ. Pastor will never speak of the sins confessed as he vowed in his ordination. He is happy to familiarize you with the rite either before Wednesday or when you come in. He is also available at other times by appointment. If you have questions, reach out to him.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are once again available for anyone to pick up. The illustrations were designed by our Bethlehem school students. Thank you to Pastor Wirgau, Deaconess Boehm and Vicar McClain for all your hard work.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS** – The Bethlehem Altar Guild is once again taking orders for Easter flowers. Please see the inserted order form for a list of flowers, colors and cost. Orders are due by March 8<sup>th</sup> and can be turned into the church office. Thank you

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Super Bowl Sub Sandwich fundraiser. We were able to donate over \$1,100 to the Scholarship Fund.

**TODAY - Sunday March 1 - Women of Bethlehem movie and dinner:** All ladies are invited to see "I Can Only Imagine 2" at ABC Cinema 130 W. Monroe Decatur. Show time is 4:30. Afterwards, dinner at El Camino 1401 Winchester Rd. Decatur. Purchase your movie ticket for \$5 at the theater. Dinner will be individual orders from the menu. Questions? Want to carpool? Contact Lynae Laley 260-413-4891

**Visual Faith Workshop | Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8pm** Join us for Around the Word, a practice where we focus on a passage of Scripture in different Bible translations and apply it to our lives today. We will also be creating Easter faith mail to share with friends and family. RSVP at <https://blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry/> or contact Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144

**St. John Bingen annual Dan's Fish and Tenderloin Dinner** – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-1:00 pm, at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. Adults \$15.00; Children (6-12) \$10.00, 5 & under free. All proceeds go to the HVAC Fund. Drive thru and carry out available.

**SCRIP** – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. Next order date will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. **For questions or for placing an order, please contact Jill Holtzclaw 260-301-1965 our current PTL representative.**

**Offering February 22, 2026**

*Average weekly need \$14,000*

Home Fund Env.	\$7,181.61
Synod	
Loose	532.25
Scholarship Fund	
Super Bowl Subs	1,189.00
Sunday School	5.01
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Midweek Env.	1,062.00
Midweek Loose	<u>271.00</u>
Total	\$10,240.87

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$43,154.93</b>
Next week's bills due:	\$5,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$58,179.23</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$14,983.81
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

**Church Attendance**

Last Sunday	175/144
Wednesday	87/61

# EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please return your advanced order with payment to the church office  
by Sunday, March 8th

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Easter Lilies ..... \$11.00 ea. # \_\_\_ White  
Tulips ..... \$ 9.50 ea. # \_\_\_ Purple # \_\_\_ Yellow  
Geraniums.....\$13.00 ea. # \_\_\_ Red # \_\_\_ Salmon  
Mums .....\$15.50 ea. # \_\_\_ Yellow  
Hydrangeas.....\$29.50 ea. # \_\_\_ Pink # \_\_\_ Blue

(Make checks payable to Women of Bethlehem) Total Order \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Flowers may be picked up after the April 5th 9:00 a.m. Easter Service.  
Please call Kay Schumm (260-273-7402) or Gina Graft (260-273-5035) for questions.*

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following The Second Sunday in Lent



Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

## **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: "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" LSB #615***

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

***The Catechism:***

***Having gone through the Lord's Prayer. We turn our attention to the  
memorization of a hymn, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB***

***#422***

On my heart imprint Your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation!

***Psalm 121 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	42, 43	45	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61
P.M.	44	46, 47	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Colossians 1:9-14 - Transferred to the Kingdom of Christ Genesis 18:1-15
Tues.	John 18:33-37- "My Kingdom Is Not of This World" Genesis 21:1-21
Wed.	Luke 12:29-32 - Seek the Kingdom Genesis 22:1-19
Thu.	Matthew 13:24-30- Parable of the Weeds Genesis 24:1-31
Fri.	Matthew 13:31-33 - Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

*Collect of the Day*

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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:** Lydia, Darlene, Jerry, Dale, Brianne, Jenny, James, Kenneth, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brittany, Brandon, Sandra **Expectant mothers:** Hannah, Makena, Kaitlin, Reese, Lillyan, Jessica, Shelby, Grace **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: Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)**

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:1-15 Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9; Gospel: Luke 11:14-28; Hymns: 345, 659, 631, 632, 716, 594, 663, 714