

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Opening Hymn

## #569 In Adam We Have All Been One



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;  
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;  
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son  
4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.  
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.  
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.  
Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;  
Thou Son, O set us free  
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,  
To make us one in Thee.

△ 6 Then shall our song united rise  
To Thine eternal throne,  
Where with the Father evermore  
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven  
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The Rite of Holy Baptism (*see yellow folder*) Aspen Grace Todd

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (*sung responsively*)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and to the Holy | Spirit;

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

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

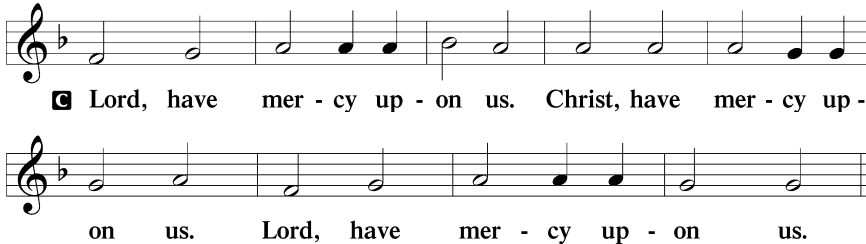
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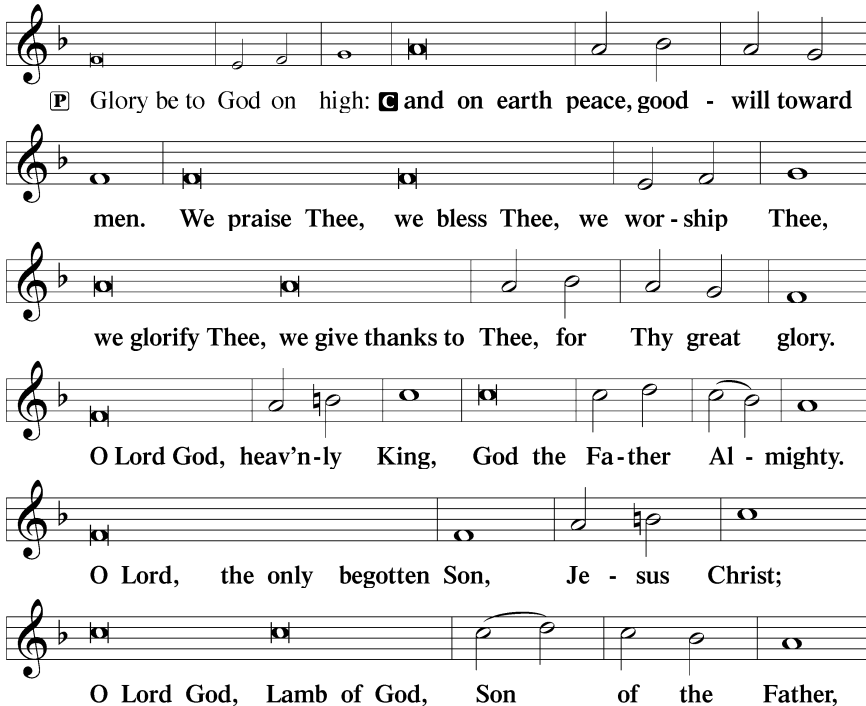
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## Kyrie



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

## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

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



## First Reading

*1 Peter 5:6–11*

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 7:18–20*

### God's Steadfast Love and Compassion

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?  
He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he delights in steadfast love.  
<sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.  
<sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.

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- C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**Cast your burden | on the LORD,\*  
and he will sus- | tain you.  
I call to God, and the LORD will | save me.\*  
He redeems my soul in | safety.**

## Epistle

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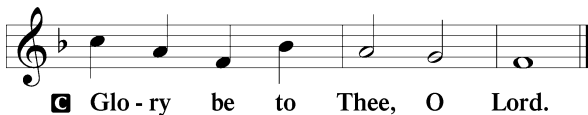
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1–32*

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



<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“**What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?** <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him

into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

**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

### #608 Lord, to You I Make Confession

1 Lord, to You I make con - fes - sion: I have sinned and  
 2 Yet, though con - science' voice ap - pall me, Fa - ther, I will  
 3 For Your Son has suf - fered for me, Giv'n Him - self to  
 4 Lord, on You I cast my bur - den— Sink it in the  
 gone a - stray, I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,  
 seek Your face; Though Your child I dare not call me,  
 res - cue me, Died to save me and re - store me,  
 deep - est sea! Let me know Your gra - cious par - don,  
 Cho - sen for my - self my way. Led by You to  
 Yet re - ceive me in Your grace. Do not for my  
 Rec - on - ciled and set me free. Je - sus' cross a -  
 Cleanse me from in - iq - ui - ty. Let Your Spir - it



see my er - rors, Lord, I trem - ble at Your ter - rors.  
sins for - sake me; Let Your wrath not o - ver - take me.  
I lone can van - quish These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.  
leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly Yours for - ev - er.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
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## Sermon

## Offertory



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Jerry Fisher (Mike and Layne Fisher – father)*

*Gail Werling, Alie Newnum*

*Denny Nabravold, Ron Whitesel, Ralph Bauermeister*

*Rev. Raymond and Abigail Doubrava and unborn child (New Hope pastor)*

*James DeFraim, 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)*

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

**Father's Day Blessing**

**For safety traveling -** *Bethlehem and New Hope Youth traveling to St. Louis, Mo – Higher Things Conference*

**Baptismal Blessing:** *Aspen Grace Todd*

**Marriage Blessing:** *Jared and Delaney Conrad wed Saturday*

**Wedding Anniversary Blessing:** *Dan and Heidi Kleppinger (45 years)*

*Tim and Patty Baker (45 years)*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Reese Springer, Lillyan Laley, Jessica Schumm,  
Kristin Gresley, Mariel Kleppinger*

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

*Sandy Avey (Ossian Healthcare)*

*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**

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

### 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

☐ 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



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



☐ 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

### #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -  
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con  
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own  
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple  
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought  
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels  
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.  
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.  
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.  
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,  
As at the rail on bended knee  
Our hungry mouths from Him receive  
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,  
A priestly food and priestly meat;  
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours  
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim  
Our voices join the endless hymn,  
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing  
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

## #625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
As - sured of Your full par - don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.  
Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg  
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## #609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756  
Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt  
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## #915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



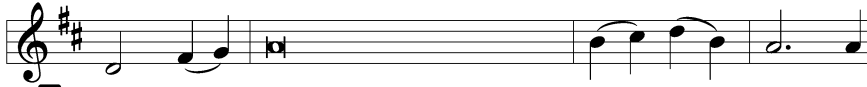
How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.  
Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857  
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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-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy

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

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

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

### Thanksgiving

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

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

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

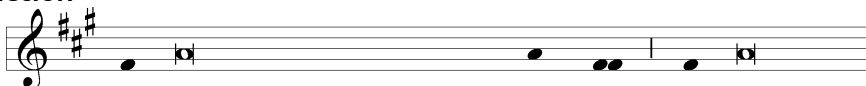


**A** Bless we the Lord.

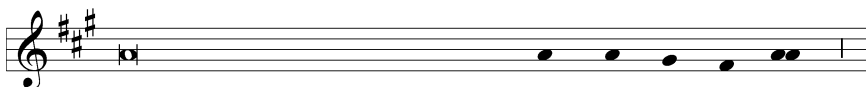


**G** Thanks be to God.

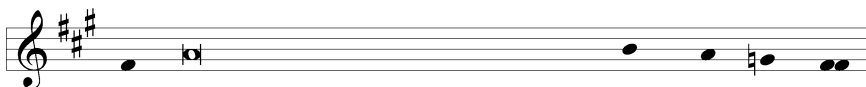
## Benediction



**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

## #851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty, In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



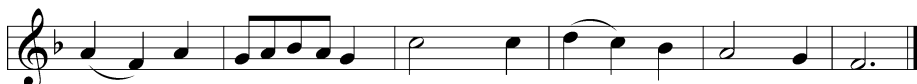
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.  
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87  
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!

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching / Celebrant**

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

**Vicar**

Sem. Charles McLain

**Fieldworkers**

Sem. Brandon Streeks, Sem. Nolan Wolf

**Deaconess**

Wendy Boehm

**Head Elder**

Bruce Werling

**Elders on Duty**

Bruce Meyer and Steve Conrad

**Kantor**

Richard Brinkley

**Acolytes**

Volunteers

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**TODAY**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**

NO Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service**

**THURSDAY**

5:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting

**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**

NO Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Reception for Vicar Charles McLain

After the reception Voter's Assembly Meeting

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

*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/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 45th wedding anniversaries of Dan and Heidi Kleppinger and Tim and Patty Baker.

**PLEASE JOIN us Sunday, June 28th** for a farewell reception in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Service for Vicar Charles McLain and wife Natalie. The Women of Bethlehem will be providing refreshments. ***The Voter's Assembly meeting will be held immediately following the reception.***

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, June 28, 2026**

***The 2026-2027 Proposed Church Budget is posted to the bulletin boards for reference.***

**PASTOR WIRGAU'S CALENDAR –** Pastor and his family will be out of town for vacation from June 22-July 6<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Moehring will be substituting the Wednesday evening service. If pastoral care is needed during Pastor Wirgau's time off, please contact our Head Elder, Bruce Werling for assistance.

**Looking for School Volunteers-**We have two new teachers in our school! We are excited to welcome Mrs. Anabelle Demalija in our 1st & 2nd Grade Classroom and also Miss Anastasia Brown (soon to be Mrs. Loest this July!) in our Kindergarten Classroom. As these women are brand new to teaching, we want to make sure they have plenty of support, so we are looking for some volunteers to help both in and out of the classrooms. If you are happy to work with kids, we could use your assistance in 1st & 2nd Grade. If you would prefer to help behind the scenes (making copies, prepping supplies), we could use your help with any of our teachers. Please contact Pastor Dodgers if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

**PAVILION & SIDEWALK PROJECT** – Bethlehem Church & School has been awarded a matching capital grant for \$42,554.00 from The Lutheran Foundation for the construction of a new pavilion adjacent to the playground area, a new sidewalk along the east side of the church, the replacement of existing sidewalk between the church & parsonage, and replacement of sidewalks at the parsonage. The work will occur during the summer and/or early fall timeframe.

**SUMMER PROJECTS** - The green laminated flooring in the church foyers will be replaced June 29 thru July 1. Please refrain foot traffic during these dates.

**New Hope Lutheran in Ossian is hosting a Senior Dinner on June 25th at 11:30 am.** Lance and Cindy Weirick will be performing. Lunch will be grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with sides of potato salad and baked beans. Root beer floats will be served as dessert that day. We will be accepting free-will offerings to offset the cost. Please call for reservations to 622-7957 or to Carol at 260-223-4830.

**THANK YOU** so much for your generous donation to Feeding Tomorrow's Future Today weekend backpack program. (\$500 of Fish Fry proceeds) As we enter our 16<sup>th</sup> year of providing food to the hungry kids of Wells County your contribution will definitely feed a lot of kids. Susan Girod, Treasurer

**ALUMINUM CANS** – The new DC Group will be continuing their can collection. Please be sure that ALL of your aluminum cans are brought to the school receptacle at the north end by the gym. We will temporarily be storing them in the church garage. If you need help with large amounts or questions, please contact Jeff Holtzclaw.

**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.**

**VBS ingathering** is for the Holy Cross Friendship Class which is a Bible Study for special needs individuals and organized by Janet Ahlersmeyer. Items are still being collected throughout the rest of June. Please see below for needed items and place them in the collection boxes in the church foyer.

Hygiene Items

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Dental Floss/Picks
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap

Entertainment Items

- Gardening Gloves
- Red, White & Blue decoration items
- Punch balloons
- Latex balloons in package
- Washable markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Adult Coloring Books

Refreshment Items

- 8oz water bottles
- Hot choc. packets
- Keurig coffee cups (some decaf)

**Offering June 14, 2026**

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$9,084.39
Synod	100.00
Loose	456.00
Scholarship Fund	150.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	49.47
Music Fund	
Siberia Mission	<u>2.10</u>
Total	\$9,866.96

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance \$13,883.97</b>
Next week's bills due: \$15,000
Bills due two weeks: \$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$61,098.57</b>
Borrowed from Savings: \$35,036.58
<b>Special Project Fund \$42,554.00</b>
<b>Operating Loan Balance \$30,000.00</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan \$0.00
<b>Church Attendance</b>
Sunday 175/130
Wednesday 18/13

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The Third Sunday after Trinity



“This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you” (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

## **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: "Lord, to You I Make Confession" LSB #608***

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

***The Catechism:***

***What is Confession?***

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

***Psalm Ps 103:1-13 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	22	26, 27	30	32	33	35	37
P.M.	23, 24	25	28, 29	31	34	36	38

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Matthew 13:24-35 The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Proverbs 25:1-22
Tues.	Matthew 13:36-46 Parables of the Kingdom Proverbs 27:1-24
Wed.	Matthew 13:47-58 The Parable of the Dragnet Proverbs 30:1-9, 18-33
Thu.	Matthew 14:1-13 John the Baptist Is Beheaded Proverbs 31:10-31
Fri.	Matthew 14:14-21 The Feeding of the 5,000 Joshua 1:1-18
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

*Collect of the Day*

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

*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:** Gail, Alie, Ron, Denny, Raymond and Abigail, Ralph, Cameron, James, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra; **Expectant mothers:** Reese, Lillyan, Jessica, Kristin, Mariel; **Homebound:** Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha, and Sandy.

**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: Fourth Sunday After Trinity**

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21; Epistle: Romans 12:14-21; Gospel: Luke 6:36-42; Hymns: 700, 696, 627, 628, 698, 915, 728