

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Opening 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.

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 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87  
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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,

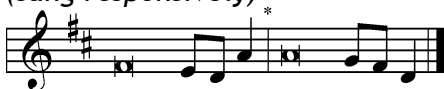
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the 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.

## Service of the Word LSB pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

**I will sing | to the LORD,\***  
**because he has dealt bountifully | with me.**

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?\*

**How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day?\***  
**How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?**

Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,  
**lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”\***  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**

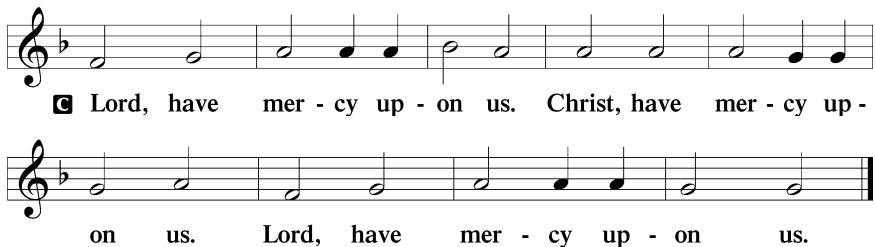
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love,\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

**I will sing | to the LORD,\***  
**because he has dealt bountifully | with me.**

## Kyrie



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

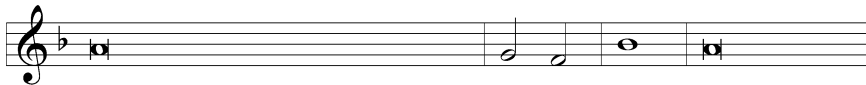
## Gloria in Excelsis



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.



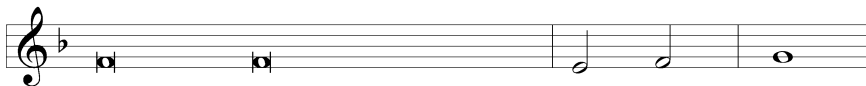
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; \*  
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!”  
Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor! \*  
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

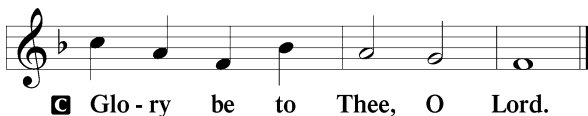
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:19–31*

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



<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

**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

## #768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;  
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way  
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed  
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from  
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry  
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the  
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: tr. Worship Supplement, 1969, alt.; (st. 1): German, c. 13th cent.; (sts. 2-4): Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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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:**

*Gail Werling, Alie Neumann*

*Denny Nabravold, Ron Whitesel*

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

*Ralph Bauermeister, Donna Schumm, Joyce Schaper*

*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)*

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

**Graduating class of 2026 -** See special bulletin insert

**Wedding Anniversary blessing:** Mike and Kathy Nabravold – 45 years

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** Reese Springer, Lilhyan Laley, Jessica Schumm, Shelby Todd,  
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 LSB 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:

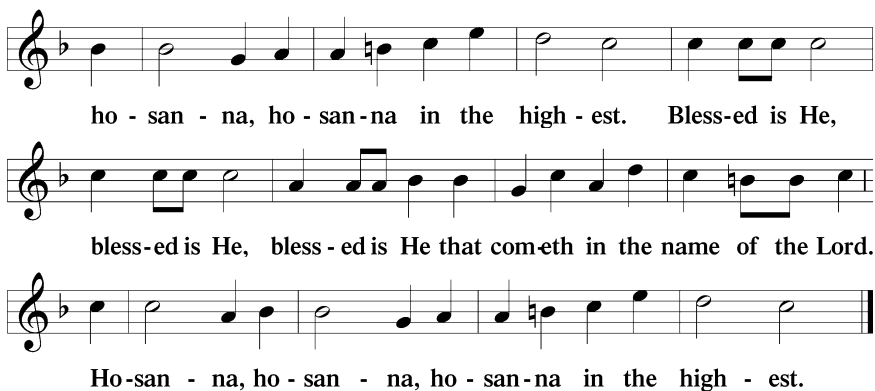
### Sanctus



**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,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - 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

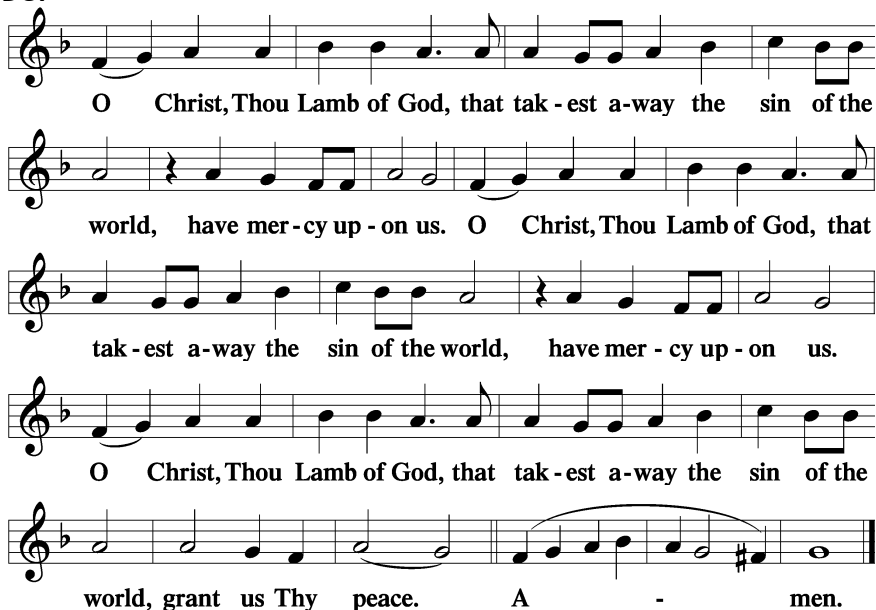


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



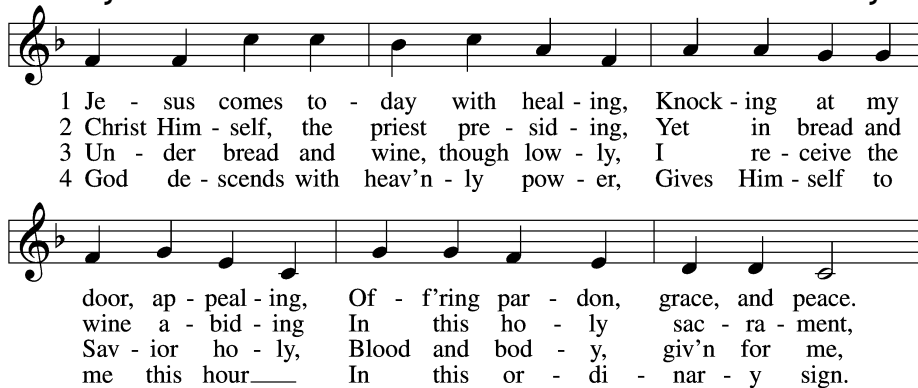
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A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

## #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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## #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.  
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## #798 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.  
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.  
 I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.  
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.  
 And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,  
 And earth and hell withstand,  
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way

At His command.  
The wat'ry deep I pass,  
With Jesus in my view,  
And through the howling wilderness  
My way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see,  
With peace and plenty blest:  
A land of sacred liberty  
And endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
And oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow  
With mercy crowned.

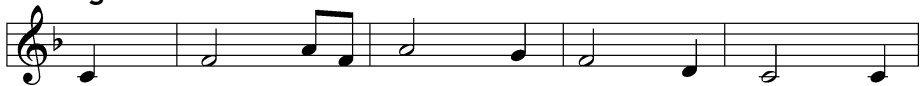
7 There dwells the Lord our king,  
The Lord our righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
The Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height  
His kingdom He maintains  
And glorious with His saints in light  
Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high  
The great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was and is the same  
And evermore shall be:  
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
We worship Thee!"

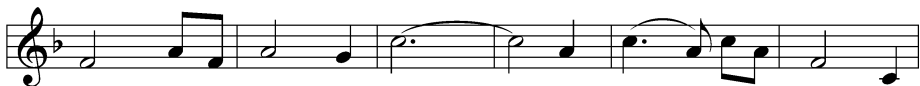
△ 9 The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high.  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!  
I join the heav'nly lays:  
All might and majesty are Thine  
And endless praise!

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725-99, alt.  
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## #744 Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



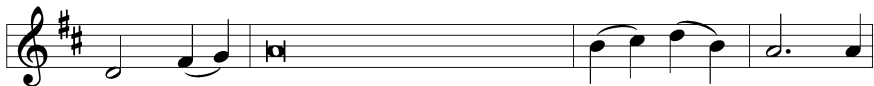
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1-4): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond  
 Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati  
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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,

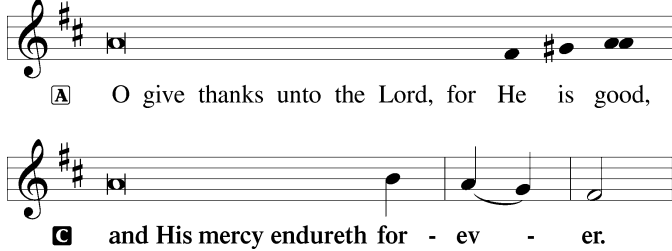


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



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,  
**B** 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.



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

### Benedicamus

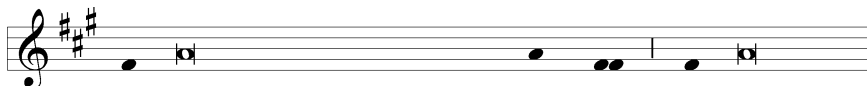


**A** Bless we the Lord.

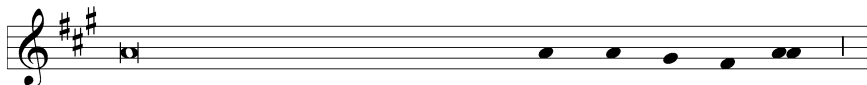


**C** Thanks be to God.

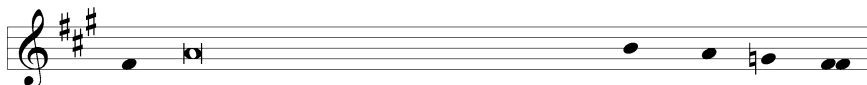
### Benediction



**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Hymn

### #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.  
 Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg  
 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	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
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
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolytes	Volunteers
Altar Guild Chairman	Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm
Ushers	Josh Boehm, Ed Black, Aspen Fisher Brandon Schumm, Don Schueler, Jason Rekeweg

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau ( <a href="mailto:Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com">Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com</a> )	260-273-7595
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	260-597-7121
Bethlehem Lutheran School	260-597-7366
Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley	260-705-4105
Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.blcsossian.org">www.blcsossian.org</a>	

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00-Noon	VBS June 8-11
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spoken Divine Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30 p.m.	VBS Closing Ceremony
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Church Council 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

**FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Mike and Kathy Nahrwold's 45 years of marriage.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING** – Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

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

**CARD SHOWER** – Please help us to shower Arthur Behning with birthday blessings as he celebrates his 94th birthday on June 9th. His address is 4306 W 1100 N, Markle, IN 46770.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Mother's Day Carnation Project. The project was such a great success! \$330 was collected for the Northeast Indiana Right to Life.

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM** - We will have a QUICK WOB all women's meeting at 8:30 on June 14th to vote on the spending of new acolyte gowns. Please meet in the fellowship hall. Thank you!!

**NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH AND PROGRAM** – Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Anyone age 55 and above is welcome to attend! Special program will be Lance and Cindy Weirick, Jugglers and Unicyclists. Please call for reservations to 622-7957 or to Carol at 260-223-4830.

**SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE** - Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards our endowment. We are very happy and grateful that we were able to meet our match of \$14,900. Your gifts help support our congregation and school in many ways and they make our endowment grow even more. Meeting the match also qualifies us for a grant that covers many of the costs for our school. Thank you and may God continue to bless us in our work for His children.

**BETHLEHEM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – REMINDER** - The theme for this year's VBS is "Created in Christ". **Dates are June 8-11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.** Closing ceremony will be held in the church sanctuary on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**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 May 31, 2026**

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

Home Fund Env.	\$7,029.40
Synod	3,705.00
Loose	295.25
Scholarship Fund	200.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	600.00
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Siberian Mission	<u>388.00</u>
Total	\$12,217.65

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$10,035.06</b>
Next week's bills due:	\$5,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$47,647.00</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$
<b>Special Project Fund</b>	<b>\$12,240.35</b>
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

### **Church Attendance**

Sunday	178/133
Wednesday	20/16

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of April 30, 2026:

\$375,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009  
232,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched  
431,487.82 - Amount generated since 2009  
-179,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009  
\$859,798.64 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of April 30, 2026

#### Dr. David Nahrwold Fund

\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024  
13,702.48 - Amount generated since November 2024  
-10,000.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2024  
\$ 93,781.41 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of April 30, 2026

#### Library Fund

\$5,000.00 - Amount sent in since March 2026  
155.75- Amount generated since March 2026  
\$5,155.75 - Value of the Library Fund as of April 30, 2026

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Graduation Recognition**

*The following 8th grade students completed their elementary education at Bethlehem Lutheran School and were presented with their Graduation Certificates on May 28, 2026*

**SAVANNAH NICHOLE FULLER**

Parents: Nathan and Melissa Householder  
Nick and Lindsey Fuller

**CAROLINE QUINN HAIFLICH**

Parents: David and Katy Haiflich

**LUCAS RALPH ANDREW WERLING**

Parents: Jay and Barb Werling

Headmaster and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher: Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Board of Christian Education members: Jeff Holtzclaw, Jason Rekeweg

Lane Harkless, Brandon Schumm, Nathan Householder, Darren Patrick

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**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

**Owen Lesh**, son of Jason and Erika Lesh, graduates from Bluffton High School with an Academic Honors and Technical Honors Diploma. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Indiana University, Bloomington to study accounting.

**Ava Pynaert**, daughter of Tonya Frey and Phil Pynaert, graduates from Norwell High School with a General Academic Diploma and has received scholarships from Dollars for Scholars and REMC. She plans to attend Indiana University in Fort Wayne to pursue a Registered Nursing Degree.

**Macie Saalfrank**, daughter of Terry and Shalynn Saalfrank, graduates from Norwell High School with honors, Summa Cum Laude Stole. She is awarded the National Honor Society Hood, IN College Core Cord, Academic Honors Cord and Riley Dance Marathon Executive Stole. She has received a Taylor University Faculty Scholarship and Norwell Dollars for Scholar Scholarship. She plans to attend Taylor University to major in Psychology/Health Wellness.

**Grant Shelton**, son of Brian and Cami Shelton, graduates from Norwell High School with an Academic Honors Diploma. He is pursuing a career in power line construction and will begin his apprenticeship through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers this summer. He is currently working at AMPP Construction.

**Greyson Taylor**, son of Michael and Rise Taylor, graduates from Norwell High School with Academic and Technical Honors diploma. He will receive a scholarship from Kendall Electric for Engineering. He plans to attend Purdue University in the Fall to major in Mechanical Engineering.

## **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**Rachel Bauermeister**, daughter of Brian and Sherly Bauermeister, graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology. She will be attending Trine University this fall to pursue her Doctor of Physical Therapy.

**Grant Meyer**, son of Jerry and Jennifer Meyer, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management from Purdue University. He is employed by Weigand Construction in Fort Wayne as a Project Engineer.

**Ryan Ottinger**, son of Todd and Diane Ottinger, received his Journeyman's License from Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 166. He also graduated with an Associates of Science degree from Ivy Tech. He will continue working for Wagner Meinert as an Ammonia Refrigeration Service Technician.

**Joel Stoppenhagen**, son of Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Master of Sacred Music degree. This summer, he will move to Missouri and begin serving as Assistant Kantor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres, MO.

**Raeann Stoppenhagen**, daughter of Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen is graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education with a concentration in Early Childhood. She received 4-year Dean's List and Semester Honors and was also selected as the Outstanding Senior within the Human Development and family Science Department for her program. Raeann will continue to teach as William Henry Harrison High School in West Lafayette and become director of the student-led Preschool Program.

**Nathanael Werling**, son of Glen and Julie Werling graduated May 13<sup>th</sup> with distinction from PFW with two bachelors of science in business degrees. One was in accounting and the other in finance. He will be joining the accounting firm of Hamil, Lehman and England PC in Fort Wayne in August as a staff accountant. He is currently pursuing his licensure as a Certified Public Accountant.

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES**

*Lord God, heavenly Father, You provide schools and teachers for faithful instruction and dedicated learning. Receiving our thanks for the knowledge gained by those who are now graduating. As they continue to learn and grow, grant them Your Holy Spirit that their talents and abilities may be used for Your glory and as a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

## *The House of Daily Bread*

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



When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19–31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

## **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: "To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray" LSB #768***

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

***The Catechism:***

***What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?***

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

***What does this mean?***

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

***Psalm Ps 33:12-22 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	131, 132	135	137, 138	140, 141	144	147	148
P.M.	133, 134	136	139	142, 143	145	146	149, 150

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Matthew 10:16-31 The Promise of Persecution Proverbs 5:1-23
Tues.	Matthew 10:32-11:1 Confessing Christ Before Men Proverbs 8:1-21
Wed.	Matthew 11:2-19 John the Baptist Sends Disciples to Jesus Proverbs 8:22-36
Thu.	Matthew 11:20-30 Jesus Preaches Repentance and Faith Proverbs 9:1-18
Fri.	Matthew 12:1-8 Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath Proverbs 10:1-23
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

*Collect of the Day*

O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; 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, Donna, Joyce, Cameron, James, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra; **Expectant mothers:** Reese, Lillyan, Jessica, Shelby, 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: Second Sunday After Trinity**

Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1-10; Epistle: Ephesians 2:13-18; Gospel: Luke 14:15-24; Hymns: 823, 510, 622, 623, 514, 644, 737