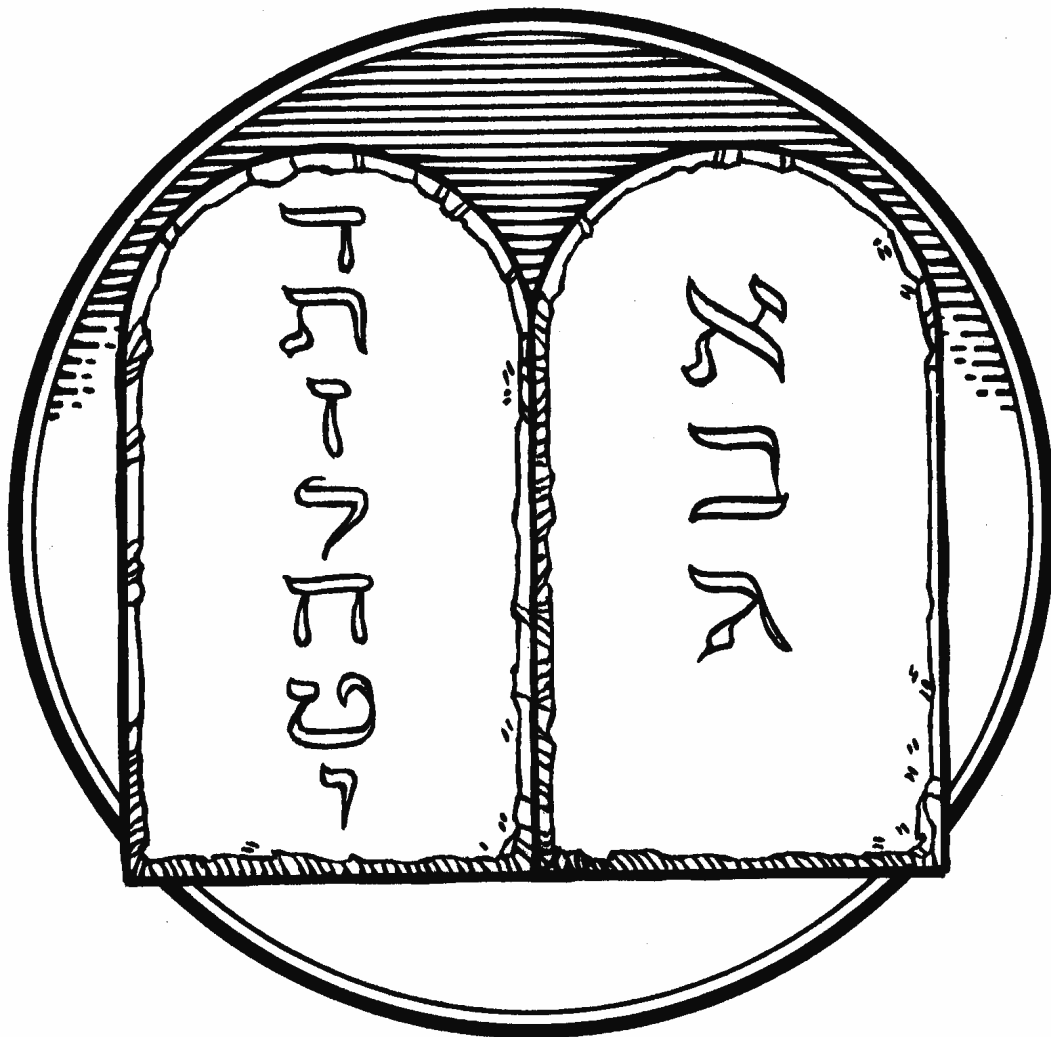


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Opening Hymn

#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re-deem-er, Pil-grim through this
 2 O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain Whence the heal-ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, Bid my anx-ious
 bar-ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might-y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi-ery, cloud-y pil-lar
 fears sub-side; Death of death and hell's de-struc-tion,
 Hold me with Thy pow'r-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
 Lead me all my jour-ney through. Strong de-liv-'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,
 bread of heav-en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de-liv-'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais-es I will ev-er give to
 more; shield; Feed me till I want no more.
 Thee; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev-er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91

Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932

Text and tune: Public domain

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)



The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Save your people and bless your | heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- ary.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

The LORD is the strength of his people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

Save your people and bless your heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- ever.

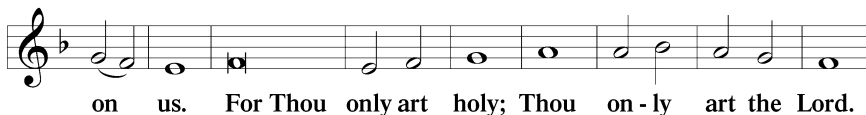
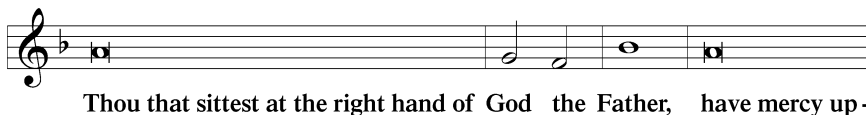
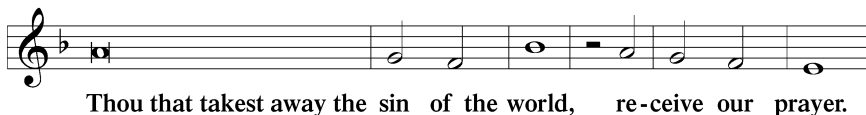
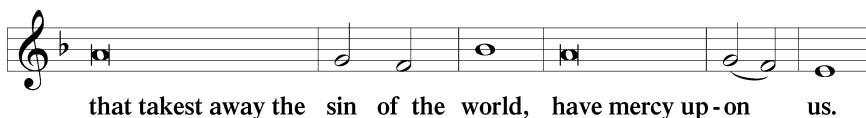
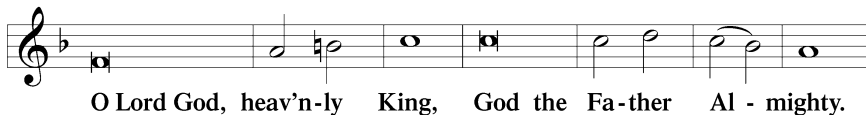
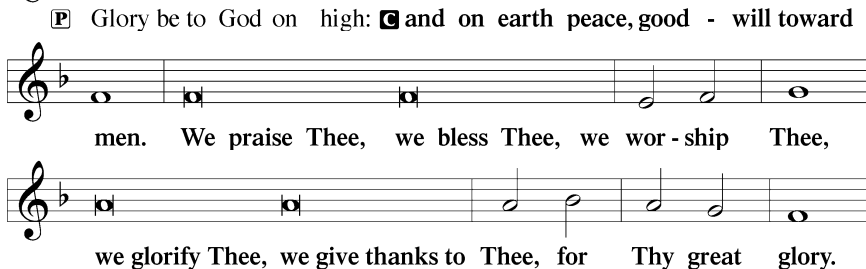
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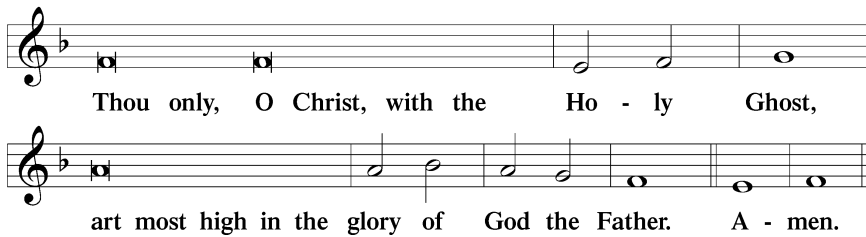


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



Gloria in Excelsis

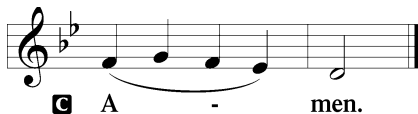




Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work,

you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Return, O LORD! | How long?*

Have pity on your | servants!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations.*

From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17–26

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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.

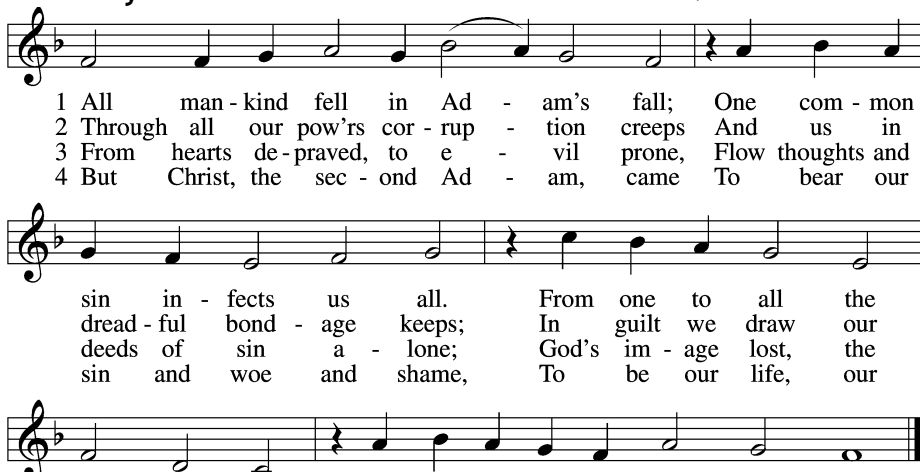
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our
 sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
 dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
 deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
 sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our
 curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
 in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
 dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
 light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
 So by one Man, who took our place,
 We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–61
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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

Installation of Vicar Erik Preus

Prayer of the Church

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

Peter Meyer (foot surgery)
Peggy Goede (recovery from surgery) Susan Stump (sister of Peggy Goede)
Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)
Gail Werling, Alie Newnum,
Denny Nahrwold, Ron Whitesel, Ralph Bauermeister
Rev. Raymond and Abigail Doubrava and unborn child (New Hope pastor)
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)

Wedding Anniversary blessing – Dave and Judy Harkless give thanks for 60 years of marriage

Safe Travels – Bethlehem Parents and Children attending Synod Convention in Phoenix

Blessings of a baby boy to Cale and Jessica Schumm

We pray for our expectant mothers: Reese Springer, Lilhyan Laley, Kristin Gresley,
Mariel Kleppinger, Nicole Meyer (Peter and Sandy Meyer)

We pray for our members shut-in:

Sandy Avey (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

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.

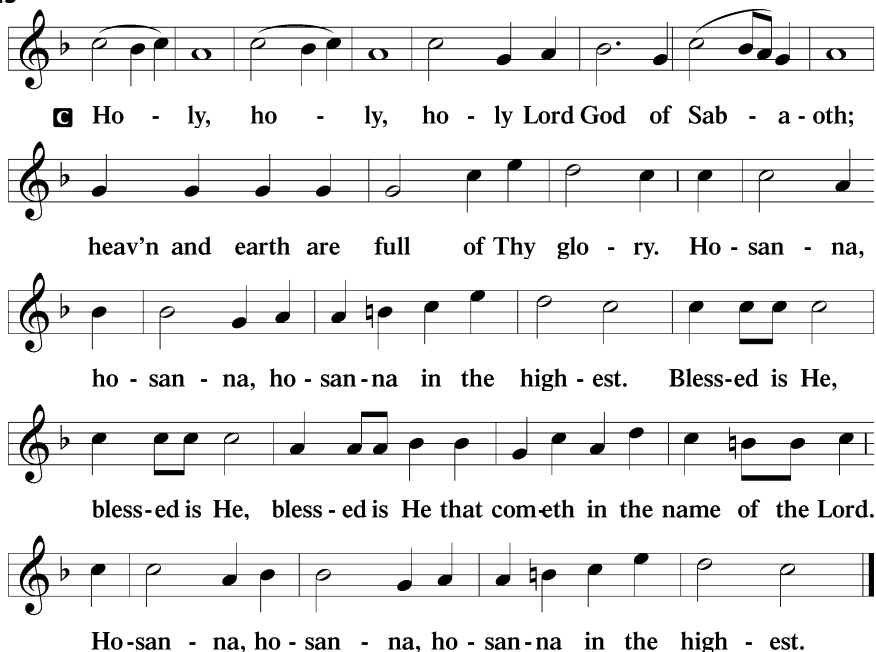


C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠

blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



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

#631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.
 Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662
 Text and tune: Public domain

#632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
 Text and tune: Public domain

#353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'n's a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our
 realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,
 Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
 Tune: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, 1698, Darmstadt
 Text and tune: Public domain

#563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

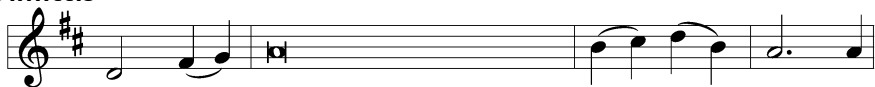


these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93
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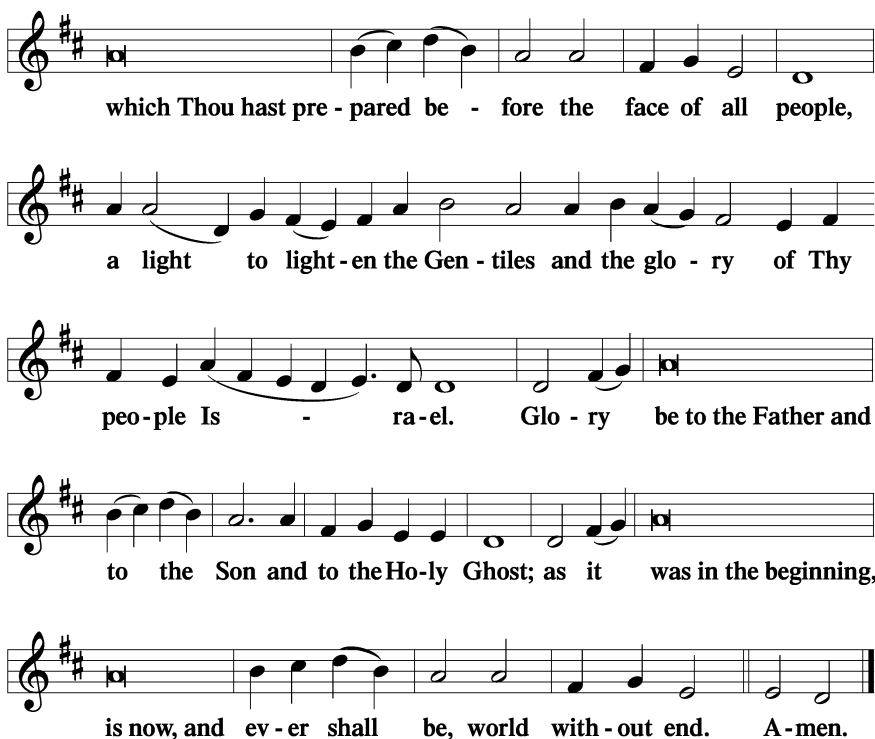
Nunc Dimittis



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

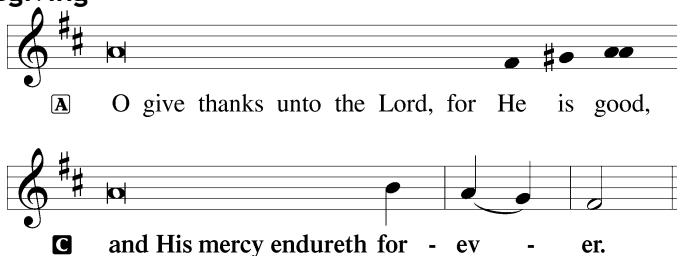


cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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.

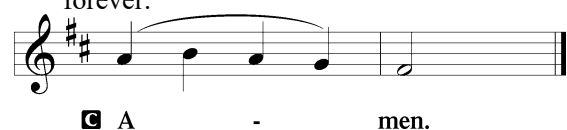
Thanksgiving



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.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

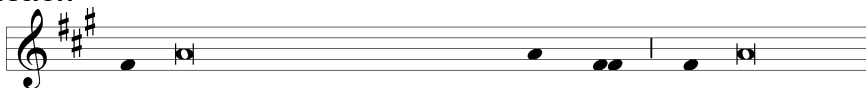


A Bless we the Lord.

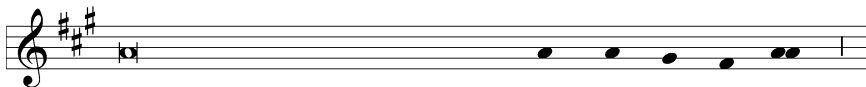


C Thanks be to God.

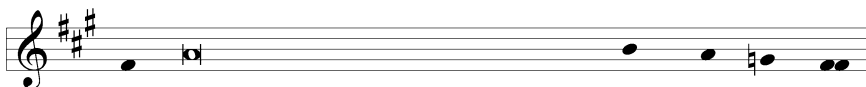
Benediction



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

#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, 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!

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching / Celebrant

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Vicar

Sem. Erik Preus

Fieldworkers

Sem. Brandon Streeks, Sem. Nolan Wolf

Deaconess

Wendy Boehm

Head Elder

Bruce Werling

Elders on Duty

Bruce Werling and Mike Schumm

Kantor

Richard Brinkley

Acolytes

Volunteers

Altar Guild Chairman

Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm

Ushers

Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann

Peyton Laley, Gavin Laley, Kyle Patrick, Aaron Anthony

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TODAY

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

10:30 a.m. Welcome reception for Vicar Preus (Fellowship Hall)

11:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting

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

SUNDAY

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)

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

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FOR COMMUNION- As you enter the sanctuary, please take a moment to sign the communion register located near the center doors. Your participation helps our altar volunteers and pastors prepare the proper amount of communion elements, ensuring everything is ready for worship with care and reverence. Thank you for supporting this important part of our communion preparation.

THE FLOWERS placed under the hymn board have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed and Helen Scheumann's wedding anniversary and Ed's birthday.

DOOR OFFERING – In appreciation for his service to Bethlehem this last year as our Vicar, we will be taking a door offering TODAY, July 12th for Seminarian Charles McLain.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND a welcome reception for Vicar Erik Preus and his family TODAY after the Divine Service. The Women of Bethlehem will be providing goodies in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Mrs. Anastasia Loest 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.

DC Trip Fundraiser - Chicken Dinner & Kona Ice - Please help support our next trip to Washington DC in 2028. Come get Andy's Knockout Chicken Dinners on Sunday, July 26 from 10:30am to 2:30pm. We will be selling and serving **at the White Rock Barn on Highway 1**. Kona Ice will also be there so you can get something cold and refreshing! Presale tickets for chicken dinners can be purchased from Katie Haiflich after church. Thanks for your support to our Bethlehem students!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CUSTODIAL BIDS are now being accepted. Please submit your bid for the 2026-2027 school year to our Head Trustee, Jay Werling.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting another “Painting Event” on Saturday, July 25th from 1-3. More information and a sign-up sheet will be coming soon.

SUMMER PROJECTS – The school hallways will be prepped and waxed during the last two weeks of July. Please be sure to limit any traffic in the school hallways. Thank you

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.

DISCONTINUED - ALUMINUM CANS – The Washington DC Group has decided to temporarily discontinue the aluminum can collection as their fundraiser until a more suitable storing location is established. If you are willing to help this group with an area to store large amounts or have a hopper trailer that can be used, please contact Pastor Dodgers. Thank you

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 July 5, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env. \$7,539.90

Synod

Loose 363.50

Scholarship Fund

Sunday School

Improvement Fund

Endowment Fund

Organ Fund

Music Fund

Total \$7,903.40

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$33,249.96

Next week's bills due: \$15,000

Bills due two weeks: \$5,000

Savings Account Balance \$61,649.54

Borrowed from Savings: \$27,986.95

Special Project Fund \$42,554.00

Operating Loan Balance \$30,000

Borrowed from Op Loan \$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday 132/100

Wednesday 19/10

Installation of the 2026-2027 Church Officers

Sunday, July 26th during the Divine Service

Vice Chairman – Dave Flesch

Board of Elders – Dan Springer, Brian Scheumann, Jeff Gresley

Board of Christian Education – Brandon Schumm, Jacob Meyer, Aaron Anthony

Board of Trustees – Jay Werling, Gary Oliver, Todd Ottinger

Board of Finance – Dan Buchinger, Brian Bauermeister, Jay Louison

Reformation Treasures Return to Fort Wayne

FREE EXHIBIT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Rare Reformation-era books preserved for generations by a Fort Wayne Lutheran family are returning temporarily to the city from the Kessler Collection at Pitts Theology Library, Emory University.

These remarkable volumes—along with other rare books illustrating the Protestant Reformation—will be exhibited at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for **one day only**.



Featured items include:

- 16th-century catechisms
- 1526 printing of Luther's *Deutsche Messe*
- Rare Reformation-era Bibles
- Early Lutheran liturgical writings

Special Lecture at 2:00 PM

***From Latin to the People:
Reforming Worship in 16th-Century Germany***

Curators and Lecturers:

Dr. Richard "Bo" Manly Adams
Director of Pitts Theology Library

Dr. Armin Siedlecki
Head of Cataloging and Rare Book Cataloger

July 25, 2026

Exhibit: 10am - 4pm

Lecture: 2pm

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ft. Wayne, Indiana



Also on display will be historical photos and artifacts telling the story of the Dornseif family in Fort Wayne whose ancestors brought the books to America as German immigrants in the mid-1800s and preserved them for many years before donating them to the Pitts Theological Library.

EVENT DETAILS

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
917 West Jefferson Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Lecture: Sanctuary (2pm)

Exhibit: Ebenezer Parish Hall, 10am-4pm

Parking: Street and church parking

For more information contact: David Reinking (dreinkin@gmail.com)



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10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

SUNDAY JULY 26

KONA ICE WILL START AT 11:00 AM

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All proceeds will go to
fund student trip to
Washington DC

The House of Daily Bread

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



"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1–17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1–11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

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: “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” LSB #562

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

The Catechism:

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His
divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant
sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repents
of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even
in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Psalm Ps 19 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	78	80	82, 84	85	88	89	91
P.M.	79	81	83	86	87	90	93

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 18:1-14 Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven Judges 13:1-25
Tues.	Matthew 18:15-22 If Your Brother Sins Judges 14:1-20
Wed.	Matthew 18:21-35 The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Judges 15:1-16:3
Thu.	Matthew 19:1-12 Jesus Teaches on Marriage and Divorce Judges 16:4-30
Fri.	Matthew 19:13-15 Jesus Blesses the Children 1 Samuel 1:1-20
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Peter, Peggy, Susan, Sharolyn, Gail, Alie, Ron, Denny, Raymond and Abigail, Ralph, Cameron, James, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra;

Expectant mothers: Reese, Lillyan, Kristin, Mariel; **Homebound:** Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, 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: Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Genesis 2:7-17; Epistle: Romans 6:19-23; Gospel: Mark 8:1-9; Hymns: 865, 819, 633, 634, 559, 849, 864