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Opening Hymn

#865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and

chism's — doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -

Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
 Tune: As hymnodus sacer, 1625, Leipzig
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Rite of Holy Baptism *Bodie Alan Schumm* (please see inserted order of service)

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Introit (sung responsively)



Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,*
 and nations un- | der our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;*,
 sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;*
God sits on his | holy throne.

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.*

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.**

Kyrie

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

The musical notation for the Kyrie is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

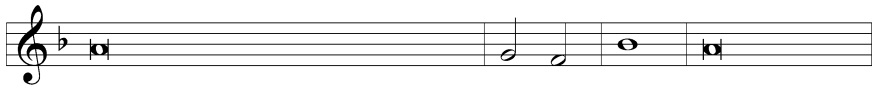
Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the Kyrie, featuring various note values and rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The notation includes a variety of note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, indicating a more rhythmic and melodic structure.



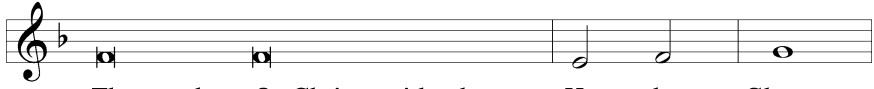
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

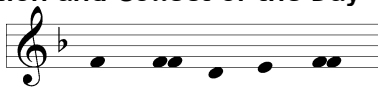


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

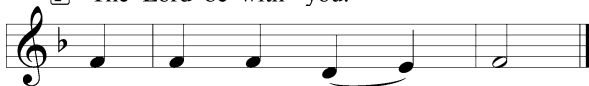


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

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, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
Those who look to him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

Epistle

Romans 6:19–23

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Mark 8:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called his disciples to him and said to them, ²**"I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away."** ⁴And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵And he asked them, **"How many loaves do you have?"** They said, "Seven." ⁶And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

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

#819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1640–90; (sts. 1–3, 5): tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, adapt.; (st. 4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, adapt.
 Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615
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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

For those in need of strength and healing:

Peter Meyer, Susan Stump (sister of Peggy Goede)

Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)

Gail Werling, Alie Newnum,

Denny Nahrwald, 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)

Baptismal blessing: *Bodie Alan Schumm*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Reese Springer, Lilhyan Laley, Kristin Gresley,
Mariel Kleppinger, Nicole Meyer, Sierra Patrick*

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

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.

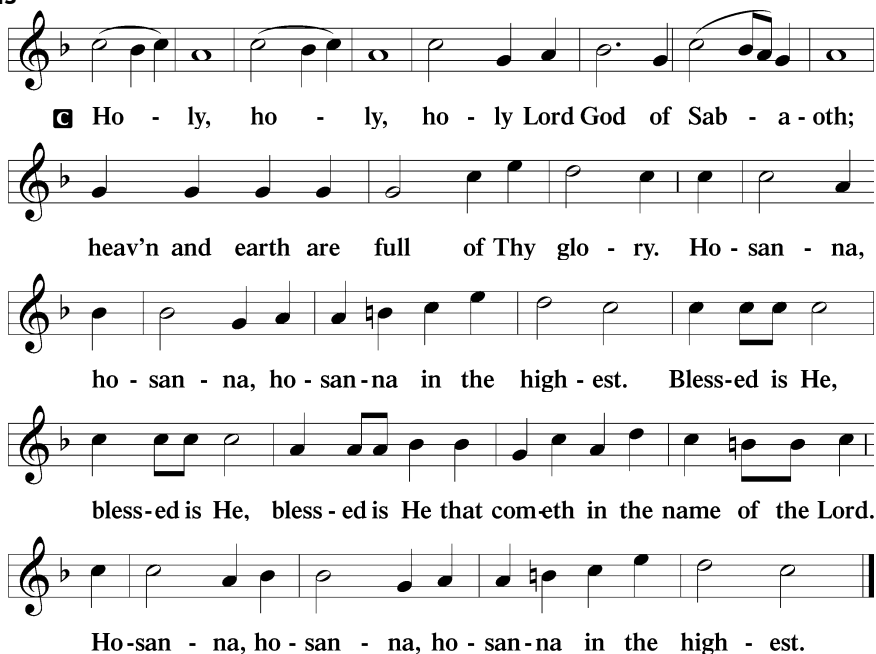


C It is meet and right so to do.

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,
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

#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phane go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

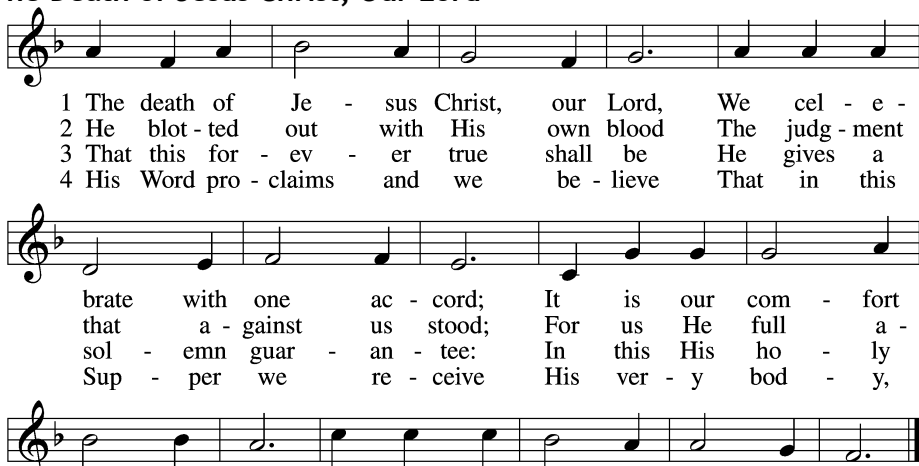
5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

 brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

 in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
“Given and shed for all your sins.”
- 6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite
 Tune: Sammlung alter und neuer . . . Melodien, 1742
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#559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
 2 Your great love for this has striv - en That we may, from
 3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your
 4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your
 5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
 sin made free, Live with You e - ter - nal - ly.
 Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.
 truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.
 God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
 Your dear Son Him - self has giv - en And ex - tends His
 There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the
 Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion
 In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
 gra - cious call, To His sup - per leads us all.
 gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
 is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.
 so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611–84; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: Schäffer-Belustigung . . . Hirthen-Lieder, 1653, Altdorf
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#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn-ing blind-ness in-to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
 Gos-pel, Heal-ing ev-'ry dread dis-ease, Calm-ing
 wa-ter To the des-ert's burn-ing sand; From this
 glad-ness, See-ing what our God has done; Let us
 storms, and feed-ing thou-sands With the ver-y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv-ing wa-ter, Quench-ing thirst in ev-'ry land.
 praise the true Re-deem-er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, 1955
 Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia
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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

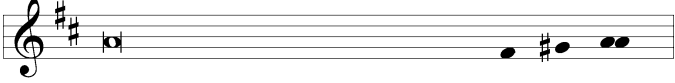


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

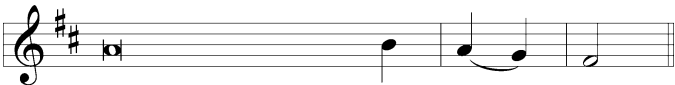


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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

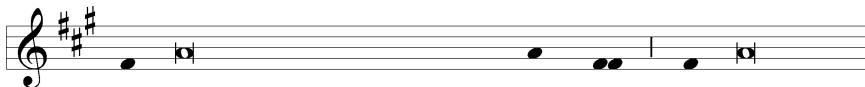


[A] Bless we the Lord.

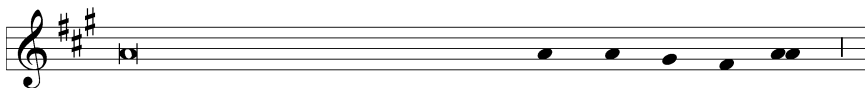


C Thanks be to God.

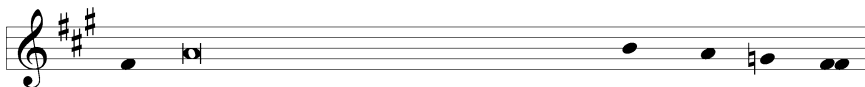
Benediction



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.

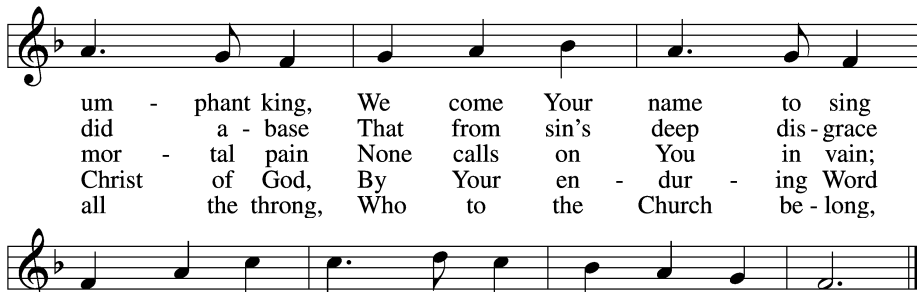
#864 Shepherd of Tender Youth



1	Shep - herd	of	ten	-	der	youth,	Guid	-	ing	in
2	You	are	the	ho	-	ly	O	all	-	sub -
3	You	are	the	great		High	Priest;	You	have	pre -
4	O	ev -	er	be		our	guide,	Our	shep -	herd,
5	So	now,	and	till		we	die,	Sound	we	Your



love	and	truth	Through de -	vicious	ways;	Christ, our	tri -
du -	ing	Word,	Heal -	er of	strife.	Your -	self
pared	the	feast	Of	ho -	ly	And	in
and	our	pride,	Our	staff and	song.	Je -	sus,
prais -	es	high	And	joy -	ful	In -	fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing
 did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace
 mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;
 Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word
 all the thron, Who to the Church be - long,

And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.
 You so might save our race And give us life.
 Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.
 Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
 U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.
 Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716–96
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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!

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

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Erik Preus
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
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	Josh Boehm, Ed Black, Aspen Fisher, Brandon Schumm Don Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen, Coty Newnum, Jason Rekeweg

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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
SATURDAY	1-3:00 p.m.	WOB Painting Class
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:30-2:30 p.m.	DC Group Fundraiser (White Rock Barn Event Center)
	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 HYMNBOARD this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of 45 years of marriage to Rev. Martin and Judy Moehring.

THANK YOU to all who sent cards and expressed their condolences at the passing of Norv. A special thank you to the pastoral staff for all of their visits especially Vicar Charles McLain who was there when he passed. Butch and Joyce Bauermeister.

The Friends of Wyneken will host an ice cream social at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, July 26 from 1-5 PM. Come and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship! There will be a waterslide and other activities for the kids (and those young at heart). The first floor of the building is now accessible via a newly-installed ramp. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

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! ***This is the LAST DAY pre-sale tickets can be purchased from Katy Haiflich after church or by calling her at 260-433-2562.*** Thank you for your supporting our Bethlehem students!

CHURCH AND SCHOOL CUSTODIAL BIDS – last call- 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.

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

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

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 12, 2026

<u>Average weekly need \$14,000</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$12,668.94
Synod	205.00
Loose	321.50
Scholarship Fund	150.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	200.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Fellowship Hall Rent	90.00
Pavilion Project	6,000.00
Memorials	140.00
Door Offering	<u>712.20</u>
Total	\$20,512.64

Lutheran Foundation

(Vicar Program) \$42,900.00 (put in savings)

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$24,270.24
Next week's bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
Savings Account Balance	\$102,876.87
Borrowed from Savings:	\$26,245.34
Special Project Fund	\$48,554.00
Operating Loan Balance	\$30,000
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday 203/149
Wednesday

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL PRESENTS

ANDY'S KNOCKOUT CHICKEN & KONA ICE



10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
SUNDAY JULY 26
KONA ICE WILL START AT 11:00 AM

PICK UP @
WHITE ROCK BARN & TERRACE
1642 SR-5 OSSANE, WA 96777



All proceeds will go to
fund student trip to
Washington DC

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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The House of Daily Bread

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



In the Garden of Eden, our first parents received food freely from the gracious hand of God, apart from any burdensome work (Gen 2:7–17). But after the fall, food would be received only through toil and labor. The curse declared, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground . . ." (Gen. 3:19). In other words, "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). But into this wilderness world came Jesus the Messiah to restore creation. Having compassion on the weary multitudes, He renewed the bounty of Eden on the third day, freely granting an abundance of bread to the 4,000 (Mark 8:1–9). So also our Lord Jesus, having endured the burden of our sin, was raised on the third day to bring us back to Paradise. He now miraculously turns the bread of death into the Bread of Life in the Sacrament, giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness. For "the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

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: “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” LSB 819

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

The Catechism:

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19.

Psalm Ps 33:1-11 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	105	107
P.M.	94	97	99	102	104	106	108

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 19:16-30 The Rich Young Ruler 1 Samuel 3:1-21
Tues.	Matthew 20:1-16 The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard 1 Samuel 4:1-22
Wed.	Matthew 20:17-28 Jesus Predicts His Passion a Third Time 1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16
Thu.	Matthew 20:29-34 Two Blind Men Receive Their Sight 1 Samuel 6:19-7:17
Fri.	Matthew 21:1-17 Palm Sunday 1 Samuel 8:1-22
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; 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, Sierra; Nicole

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: Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:16-29; Epistle: Romans 8:12-17; Gospel: Matthew 7:15-23; Hymns: 586, 745, 636, 637, 691, 707, 689