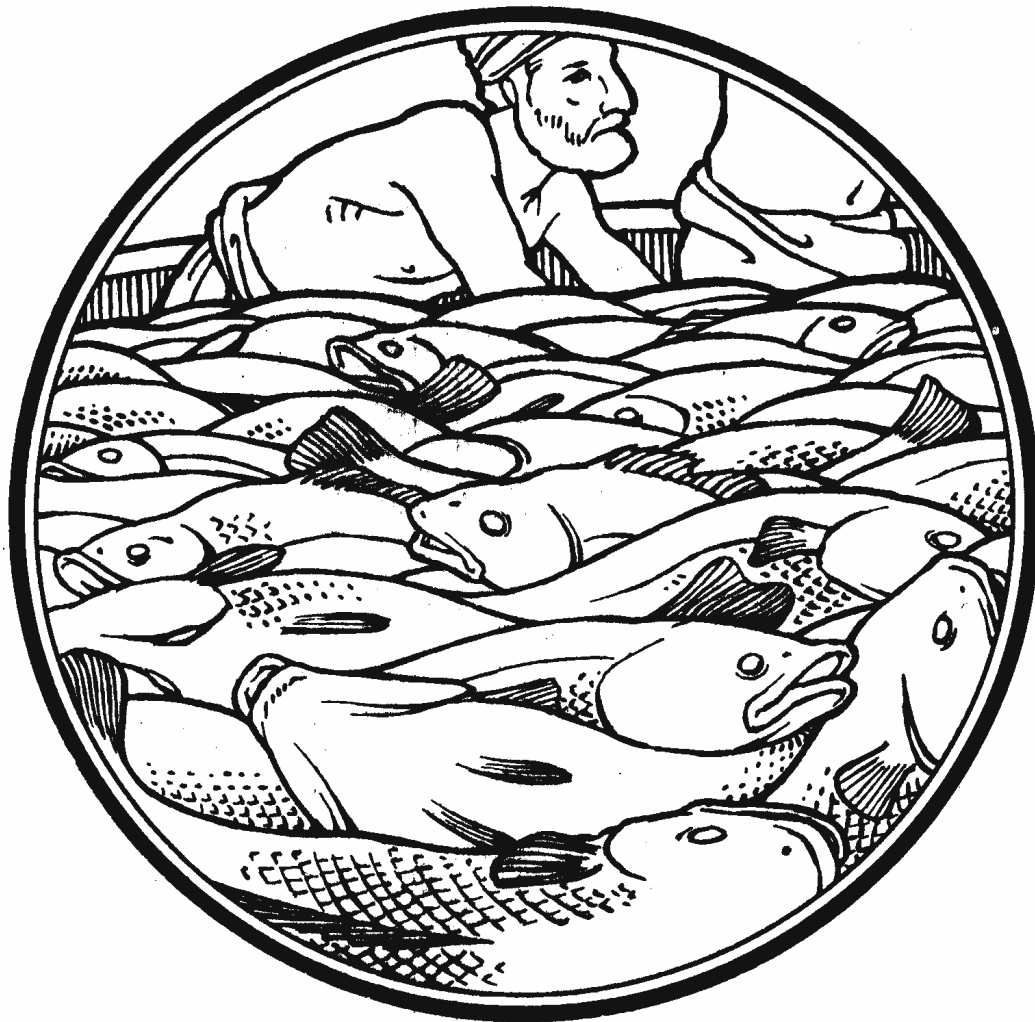


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Opening Hymn

#856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To
 5 O Christ, th'a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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Invocation

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

C Amen.

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C Amen.

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Introit *(sung responsively)*



Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*
whom | shall I fear?

Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.

Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

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.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

Kyrie



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

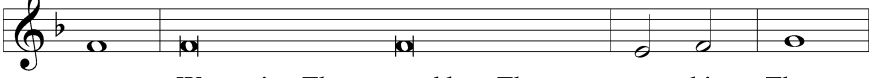


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

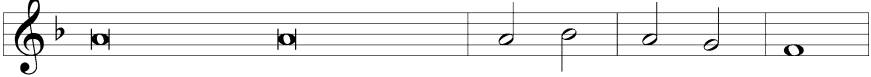
Gloria in Excelsis



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.



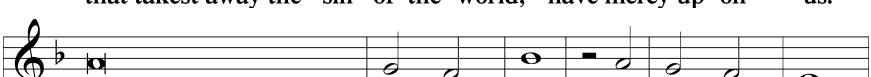
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



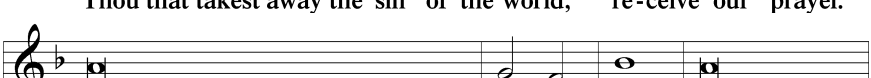
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

1 Kings 19:11–21

¹¹[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of

hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 84:9, 8

**Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!**

Epistle

1 Peter 3:8–15

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1–11

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."** ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G 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

#688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be-tide, Take My ex-am-ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so-journ here be-low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n-ly goal."
bat-tle's strain The crown of heav'n-ly life ob-tain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695
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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:

Peter Meyer (foot surgery)

Peggy Goede (recovery from surgery) Susan Stump (sister of Peggy Goede)

Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)

Gail Werling, Alie Nennum,

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)

In Time of Sorrow: *Family of Ruth Witte (funeral was on July 3rd)*

Family of Norvin Bauermeister (funeral was on July 2)

Birthday Blessing: *Rev. Donald Lutz (celebrating his 98th birthday)*

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

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.



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.**

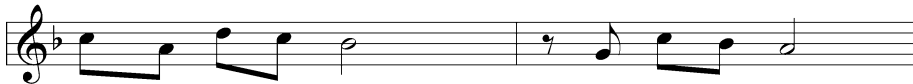
Distribution Hymns

#629 What Is This Bread



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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#630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



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



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



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



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

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

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#750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in
 2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the



Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with



tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
That God hath cast thee off unheard,
That he whose hopes meet no denial
Must surely be of God preferred.
Time passes and much change doth bring
And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest;
'Tis easy for our God, we know,
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
To make the rich man poor and low.
True wonders still by Him are wrought
Who setteth up and brings to naught.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
Perform thy duties faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving,
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
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#826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 If you can-not speak like an - gels, If you can-not preach like Paul,
 3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
 4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
 You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
 Point - ing out the path to heav-en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
 While the mul - ti-tudes are dy - ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



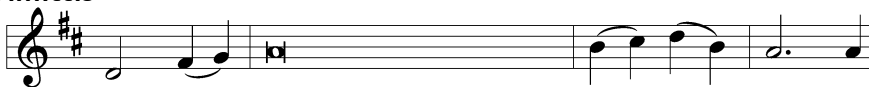
Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers thee.
 If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms,
 With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands;
 Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 You can lead the lit - tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait - ing arms.
 You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold - ing up the proph-et's hands.
 An - swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Nunc Dimittis



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



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



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

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

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

C A - men.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

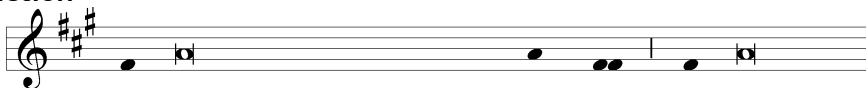


A Bless we the Lord.

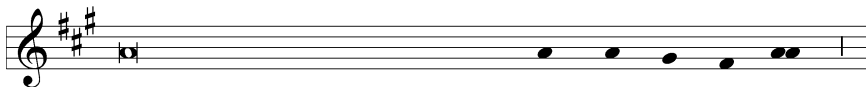


G Thanks be to God.

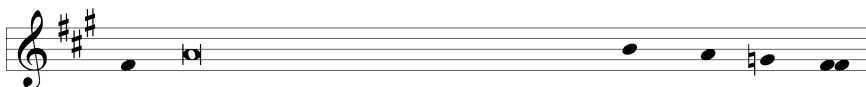
Benediction



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



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



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



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

Closing Hymn

#718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,



way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-protect us,



Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.

Tune: Adam Drese, 1620–1701

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. Anthony Dodgers

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

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Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer
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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

SUNDAY

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

Installation of Vicar Eric Preus

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

THE FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMN BOARD this morning have been given to the Glory of God and birthday blessings for Donald Lutz celebrating 98 years old.

CARD SHOWER – Please help us to shower Rev. Donald Lutz with birthday blessings as he celebrates his 98th birthday on July 6th. His address is 6723 S Anthony Blvd, Apt S313, Fort Wayne, IN 46816

DOOR OFFERING – In appreciation for his service to Bethlehem this last year as our Vicar, we would like to take a door offering on Sunday, July 12th for Seminarian Charles McLain.

PLEASE WELCOME Seminarian Erik Preus as our newly assigned Vicar. He will be officially installed during the Divine Service on Sunday, July 12th. The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting a welcome reception for Vicar Preus and his family in the Fellowship Hall following that Sunday's Divine Service. Please join us.

Attention Women of Bethlehem – We are requesting donations for a variety of baked items!! Breads, cookies, cakes, pastries, brownies to serve at the welcome reception following the service on July 12. Please contact Emily 260-750-6232 or Lisa 260-750-6042 to make arrangements for drop off.

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

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 YOU 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 - Rescheduled - The green laminated **flooring** in the church foyers will be replaced July 6-8. Please refrain foot traffic during these dates.

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.

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

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

Offering June 28, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env. \$7,670.77

Synod 200.00

Loose 371.50

Scholarship Fund

Sunday School

Improvement Fund

Endowment Fund

Organ Fund

Music Fund

Copier Donation 10.00

Total \$8,252.27

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$30,253.64

Next week's bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$61,499.54

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 152/120

Wednesday 18/16

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of May 31, 2026:

\$381,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

238,283.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

450,224.74 - Amount generated since 2009

-179,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$890,435.56 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of May 31, 2026

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund

\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024

15,742.99 - Amount generated since November 2024

-10,000.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2024

\$ 95,821.92 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of May 31, 2026

Library Fund

\$5,000.00 - Amount sent in since March 2026

267.92- Amount generated since March 2026

\$5,267.92 - Value of the Library Fund as of May 31, 2026

As of

July 2, 2026

BETHLEHEM FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash

Checking \$ 30,253.64

Savings \$ 61,499.54

Total Cash \$ 91,753.18

Operating Loan \$ - of \$30,000 max available

Special Account \$ 42,554.00
(Pavilion)

Special Accounts

Improvement Fund: \$ 36,174.23

Scholarship Fund: \$ 17,276.10

Music Fund: \$ 4,063.36

Relief Fund: \$ 1,481.83

Organ Fund: \$ 6,754.55

Endowment: \$ -

Synod/Seminary Fund: \$ -

Special Project - Flooring \$ 1,267.16

Reserved (Sing, Pray, Praise) \$ 5,000.00

Special Account - Vicar Program \$ 15,000.00

Reserved (TBD): \$ 2,469.26

Total

\$ 89,486.49

\$ 27,986.95 added to checking account from special accounts to operate church

Bills Due: 7/6/2026 \$ 5,000.00

7/13/2026 \$ 15,000.00

The House of Daily Bread

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



The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

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: “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” LSB #696

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

The Catechism:

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” John 20:22-23

Psalm Ps 16 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
P.M.	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 16:13-23 The Confession of Peter and His Rebuke Joshua 24:1-31
Tues.	Matthew 16:24-28 Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me Judges 2:6-23
Wed.	Matthew 17:1-13 The Transfiguration Judges 3:7-31
Thu.	Matthew 17:14-21 A Boy Is Healed Judges 4:1-24
Fri.	Matthew 17:22-27 Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection Judges 6:1-24
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Gail, Alie, Ron, Denny, Raymond and Abigail, Ralph, Cameron, James, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra; **Expectant mothers:** Reese, Lillyan, Jessica, Kristin, Mariel; **Homebound:** Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha, and Sandy.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism
(LSB pg. 266)

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Looking forward to Sunday Morning: Sixth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17; Epistle: Romans 6:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-26; Hymns: 918, 562, 631, 632, 353, 563

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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