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Opening Hymn

#909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
 to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
 Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659–95, adapt.
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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)



I call to God, and he | hears my voice; *
he redeems my soul in | safety.

**Cast your burden | on the LORD, *
and he will sus- | tain you.**

Give ear to my prayer, | O God, *
and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

**My heart is in anguish with- | in me; *
the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.**

Fear and trembling come up- | on me, *
and horror over- | whelms me.

**But I | call to God, *
and the LORD will | save me.**

*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;*

*as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*

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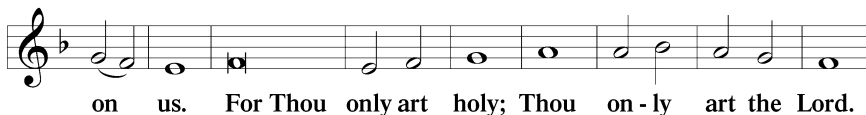
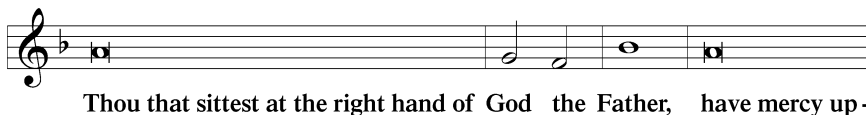
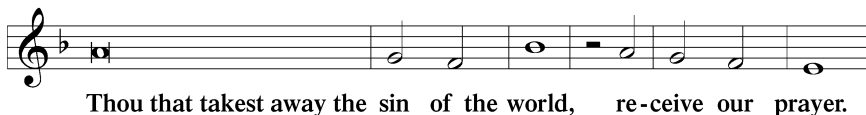
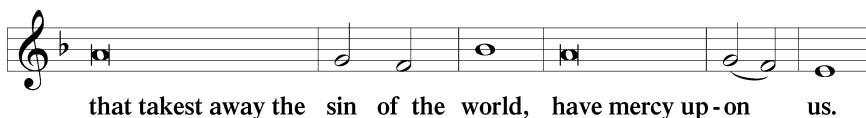
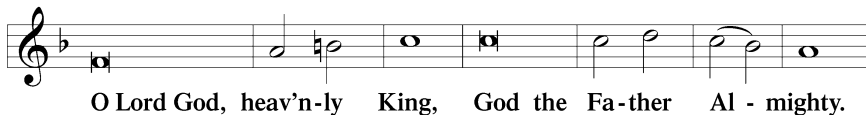
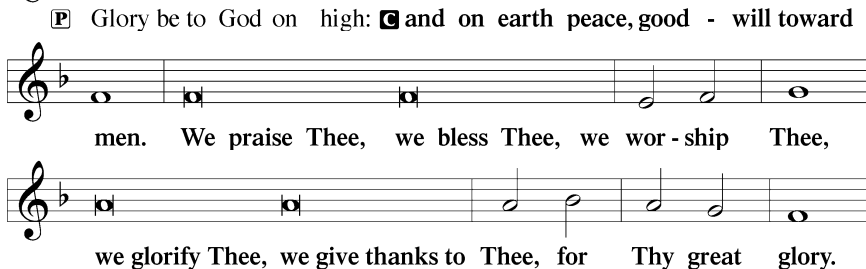
Kyrie



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



Gloria in Excelsis



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.
P Let us pray.

P O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 7:1–11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’”

⁵“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, ⁶if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, ⁷then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

⁸“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known,

¹⁰and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 17:8, 2

Keep me as the apple | of your eye;*
hide me in the shadow | of your wings.
From your presence let my vindi- | cation come!*
Let your eyes be- | hold the right!

Epistle

Romans 9:30—10:4

³⁰What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³²Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

¹Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ²I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

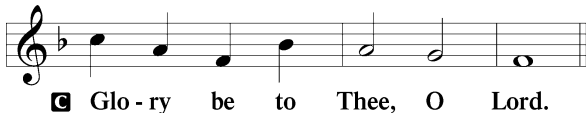
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 19:41–48

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



⁴¹When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “**Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.** ⁴³**For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side** ⁴⁴**and tear you down to the**

ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶saying to them, **“It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”**

⁴⁷And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

[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

#644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt.
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76
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Sermon

Offertory



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



Offering

Installation of new teachers: *Commissioned:* Anastasia Loest (K)
Contracted: Annabelle Demalija (1-2)

Prayer of the Church

For those in need of strength and healing:

Linda Trammel (Ron Trammels mother)
Peter Meyer, Susan Stump (sister of Peggy Goede)
Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)
Gail Werling, Alie Newnum,
Denny Nabrvold, Ralph Bauermeister
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: *Baby Lazarus son of Rev. Raymond and Abigail Doubrava*
Family and Friends of Ron Whitesel

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Mariel Kleppinger, Nicole Meyer, Sierra Patrick*

We pray for our members shut-in:

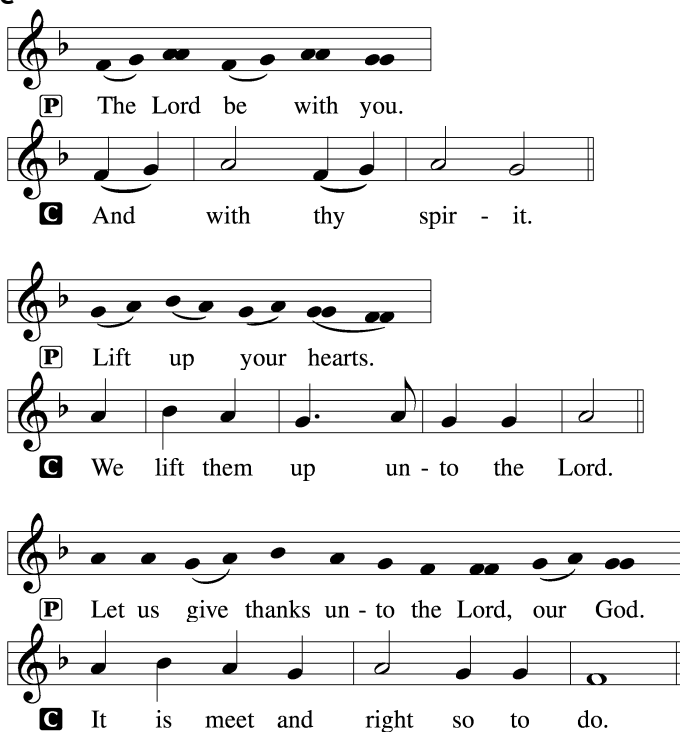
Sandy Avey (Ossian Healthcare)
Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)
Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers *The start of a new school year*

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

#641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain
You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your
grat - i - tude That You should count us
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97

Tune: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-96

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#642 O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius
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#645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



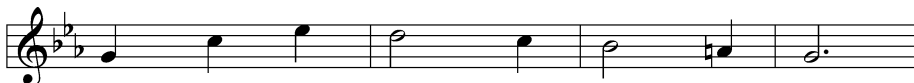
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87

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#540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



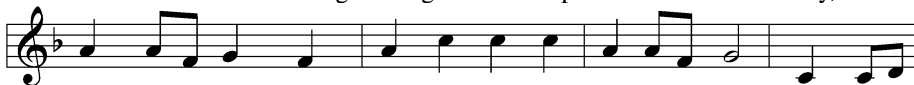
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



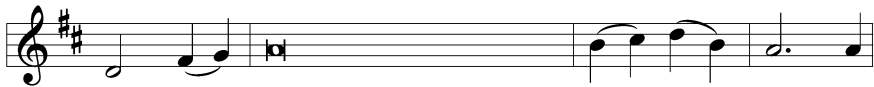
path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 branch-es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
 To the Father's home on high,
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
 Christ, the life that cannot die.
 Mediator to the Father,
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
 There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
 Christ, the life and resurrection,
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:
 Praise and thanks and adoration
 And unending worship be
 To the Father and the Spirit
 And to You eternally.

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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,

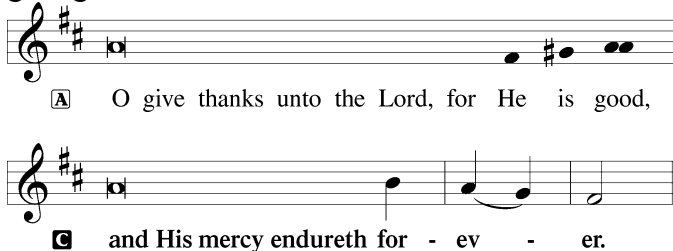


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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.

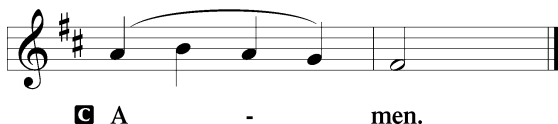
Thanksgiving



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

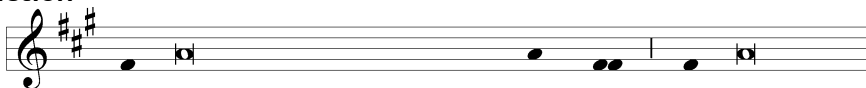


A Bless we the Lord.

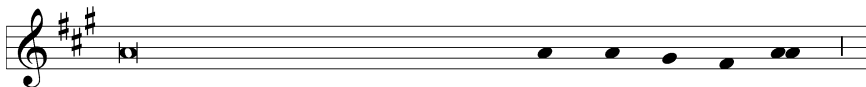


C Thanks be to God.

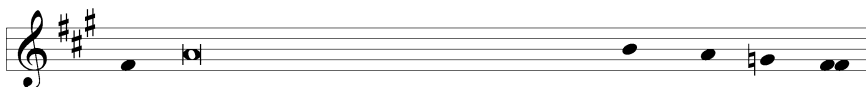
Benediction



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

#873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa-nied by Thee;
- 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra-dian-cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un-be-lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.
Till they in-ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy-self dis-play, Shin-ing to the per-fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88
Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822
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!

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.

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching

Celebrant

Vicar

Fieldworker

Deaconess

Head Elder

Elders on Duty

Kantor

Organist

Acolytes

Altar Guild Chairman

Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Sem. Erik Preus

Sem. Nolan Wolf

Wendy Boehm

Steve Conrad

Steve Conrad and Jeff Gresley

Richard Brinkley

Emilie Meyer

Volunteers

Deann Oliver and Denise Schumm

Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer

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TODAY

8:00 a.m. Women of Bethlehem Meeting

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

10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class

11:15 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY

First Day Back to School

10:00 a.m. Opening Day Chapel Service

7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Book Club (Crimson House)

SUNDAY

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

10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class

11:15 a.m. Church Council Meeting

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

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at
[***bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com***](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) *or the church office at 597-7121.*
[***https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian***](https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian) 9:00 a.m. Livestream

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

If interested in serving on the Bethlehem Long Term Planning Committee, please see Neil Stoppenhagen. We need 2 more volunteers to make up this committee. Thank you

Please join us this morning to a **WELCOME RECEPTION** hosted by our Board of Christian Education for our two new teachers and spouses in the Fellowship Hall after today's Divine Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Teachers will be installed on Sunday, September 13th with a Sunday School Student “Rally Day” event held after the church service. More details to come!

Book Club Reminder! Our next Book Club gathering will be **Saturday, August 15, at 8:00 a.m.** at **Crimson House** in Ossian. We'll be discussing ***Rebellion 1776*** by **Laurie Halse Anderson**. Whether you've been with us from the beginning or are joining for the first time, **everyone is welcome!** We'd love to have you for a great discussion and fellowship over breakfast.

FALL LADIES BIBLE STUDY: APOLOGETICS - This study will help to equip participants with the knowledge they need to confidently defend their faith. Topics include: What Is Apologetics?; Jesus; Trusting God and His Word; Beginnings; and Christian Life. If you are interested in participating, contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm.

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 August 2, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$12,159.41
Synod	1,005.00
Loose	220.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Memorials	160.00
Worship Anew	1,000.00
Door Offering	597.00
Fellowship Hall Rent	90.00
Concordia Seminary	1,000.00
Clausen Foundation	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$18,231.41

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$12,095.61

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

Bills due two weeks: \$5,000

Savings Account Balance \$110,083.36

Borrowed from Savings: \$21,502.65

Special Project Fund \$49,821.16

Operating Loan Balance \$30,000

Borrowed from Op Loan \$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday 187/

Wednesday 23/17

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

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

238,283.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

459,182.01 - Amount generated since 2009

-219,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$859,392.83 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2026

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund

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

16,706.87 - Amount generated since November 2024

-10,000.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2024

\$ 96,785.80- Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of June 30, 2026

Library Fund

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

320.89- Amount generated since March 2026

\$5,320.89 - Value of the Library Fund as of June 30, 2026

The House of Daily Bread

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



Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41–48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "But My people do not know the judgments of the Lord" (Jer. 8:4–12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30–10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "Jesus is Lord" (1 Cor. 12:1–11).

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: "The Church's One Foundation" LSB #644

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

The Catechism:

What is Colossians 2:6-7?

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted
and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

What is 2 Timothy 3:16-18?

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man
of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Psalm Ps 92 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	140, 141	144	147	148	1, 2	5	8, 9
P.M.	142, 143	145	146	149, 150	3	4, 6	7

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Matthew 24:15-31 The Great Tribulation 1 Samuel 25:23-44
Tues.	Matthew 24:32-42 The Parable of the Fig Tree 1 Samuel 26:1-25
Wed.	Matthew 24:43-51 The Faithful Servant 1 Samuel 28:3-25
Thu.	Matthew 25:1-13 The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins 1 Samuel 31:1-13
Fri.	Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents 2 Samuel 1:1-27
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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: Linda, Peter, Susan, Sharolyn, Gail, Alie, Denny, Ralph, James, Kenneth, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra; **Expectant mothers:** Mariel, Nicole, Sierra; **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: Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-15; Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10;

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14; Hymns: 608, 559, 617, 618, 565, 570