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Opening Hymn

#700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us and
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,

Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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*)



Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

**Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.**

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

**Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!

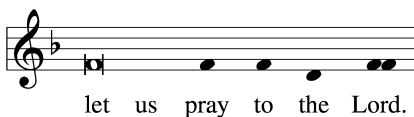
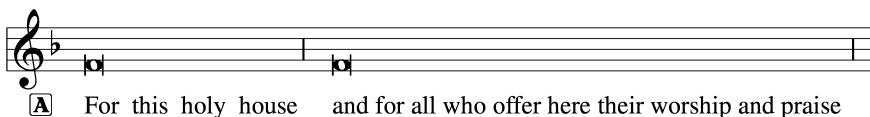
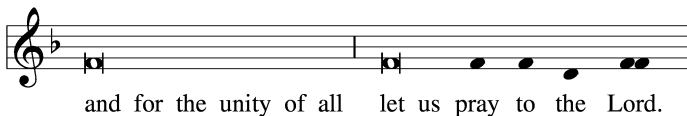
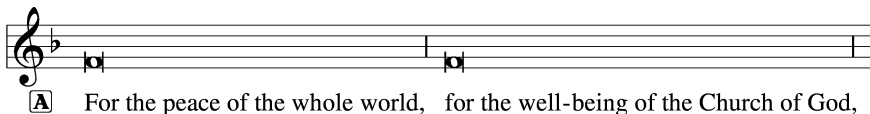
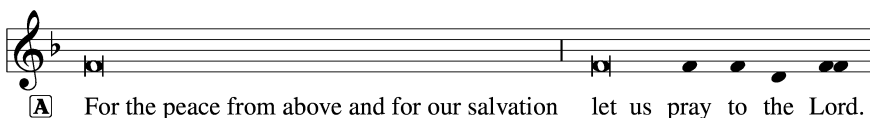
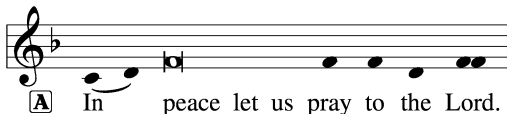
**Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.**

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.*

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

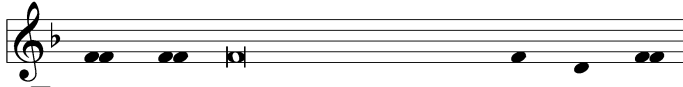
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



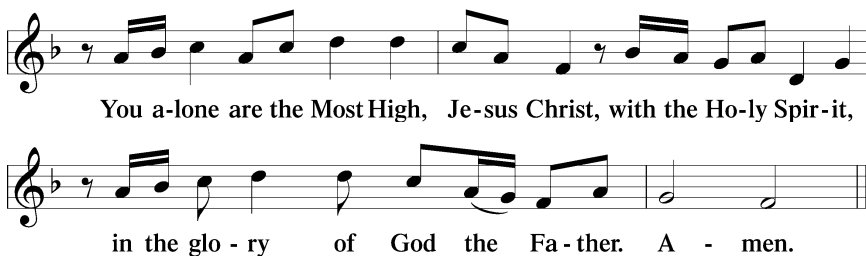
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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

Proverbs 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen

⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?

⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,

¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.

- ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
- ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
- ¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 33:12, 6

Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

Unity in the Body of Christ

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–11

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Healing of a Man on the Sabbath

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, **“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”** ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, **“Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?”** ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸**“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, 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.

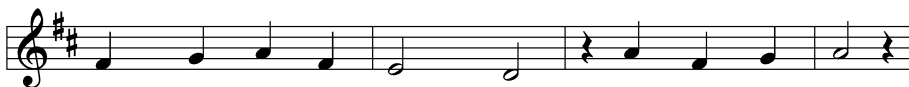
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may	To find a way	That
2 Seek whom you may	To be your stay,	None
3 Seek Him a - lone	Who did a - tone,	Who
4 My heart's de - light,	My crown most bright,	O



leads to your sal - va - tion.	My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er.	All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er.	O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er.	Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build,	He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed,	The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst	For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide	Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure,	His works en - dure;	He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King	Of whom we sing.	We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need	Seek Him in - deed;	To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord;	Your pre - cious Word	Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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Sermon

Installation of Fieldworkers

Prayer of the Church

Those in need of strength and healing

Tyler and Emma (friends of the Demalija's)

Lucas Reish (friend of Autumn Fisher)

Linda Trammel (Ron Trammels Grandmother)

Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)

Denny Nahrnold

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)

For those suffering from the current flooding in our area

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Mariel Kleppinger, Nicole Meyer, Sierra Patrick,
Kelly (Meyer) Warnimont*

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

Offering

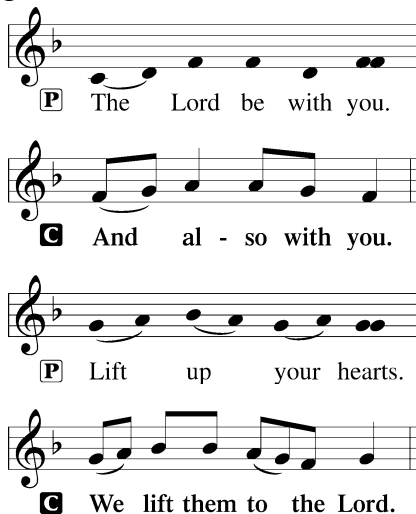
Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

 **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

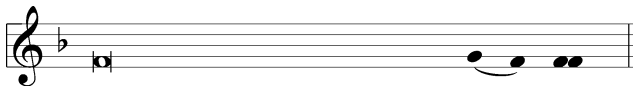
**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is 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.

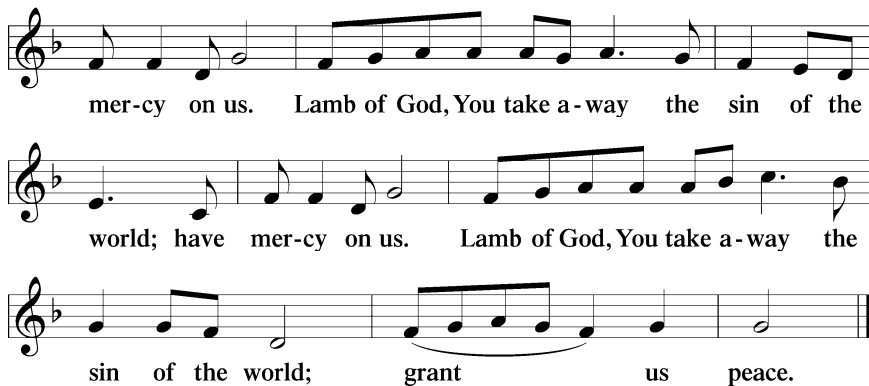


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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

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



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



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



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

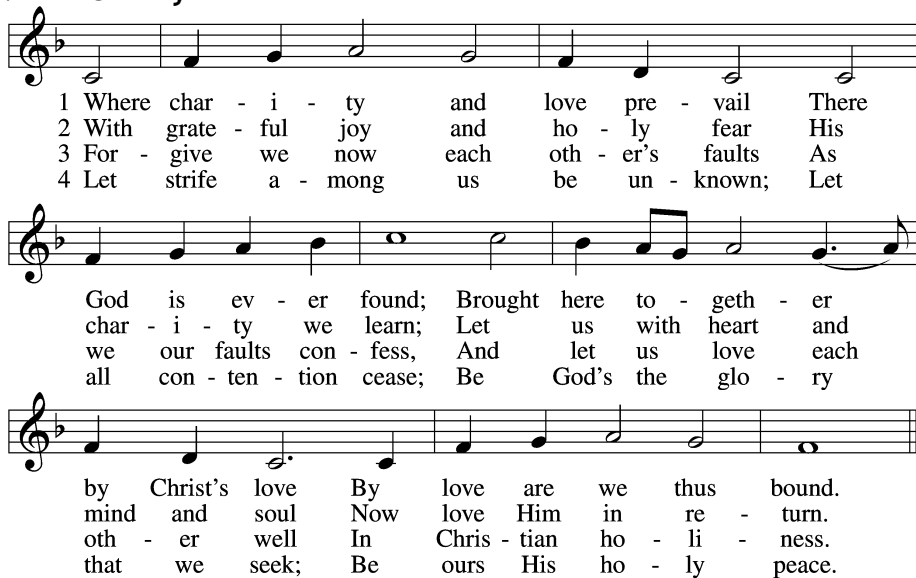


And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

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

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.
 Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595–1662
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#845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry

by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;

His family embraces all
Whose Father is the same.

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#850 God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

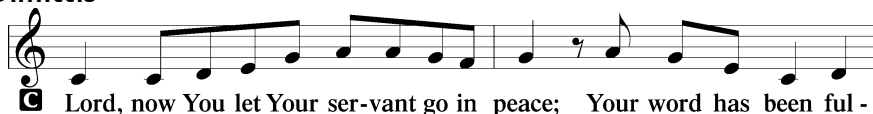
hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
days, For the liv - ing of these days.
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878–1969

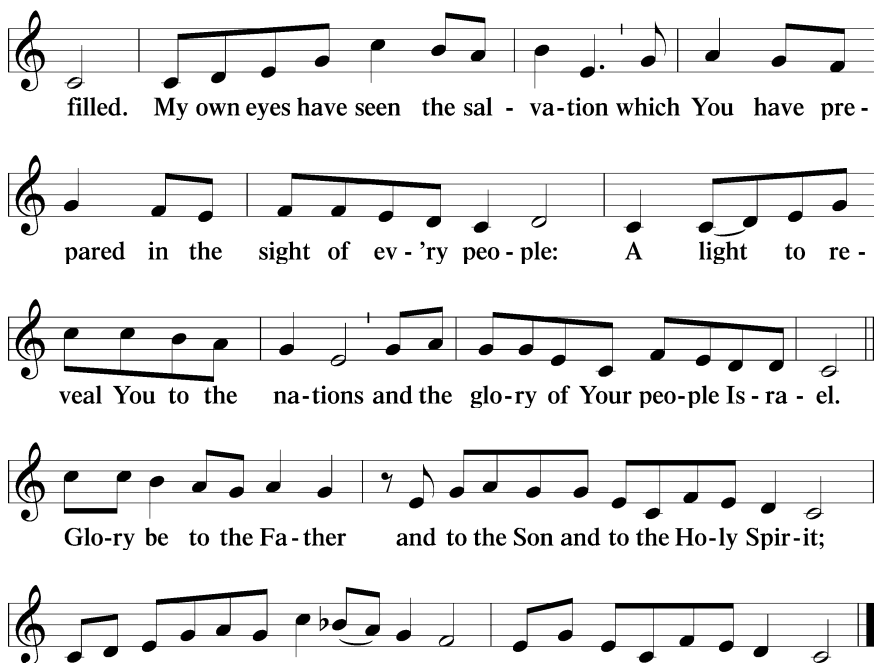
Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932

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Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

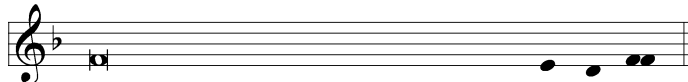
Post-Communion Collect

- 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.



G A - men.

Benediction



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



A - men.

Closing Hymn

#935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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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!

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

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	1:00 p.m.	WOB Blanket Sewing (school art room)
	2:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	NO	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	NO	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
SATURDAY	6:00 p.m.	Fall Festival (Stauffer Farms)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		“LWML Sunday”
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

THANK YOU – The family of Hildegarde Bauermeister gives thanks to God for this wonderful church community. Thank you for the prayers, stopping by to visit, attending the funeral service, or sending such comforting words in your cards. We feel God's love through your support. God is Good!

IMPROVEMENT FUNDS NEEDED - We have two major projects starting up: **replacing a failed HVAC unit and replacing the roof on the parsonage**. These necessary repairs will use nearly all of the funds currently in our Improvement Fund. We humbly ask you to ***prayerfully consider giving above your usual contribution*** to help offset these expenses. Every gift, no matter what the amount, will make a difference in maintaining our church property and supporting our church family. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support!

FALL FESTIVAL – **Saturday, October 3 at 6 PM** - Join us at Stauffer Farms 3584 NW State Road 116-90 Markle, IN 46770 for an evening of fellowship, food, and fall fun! We'll enjoy a **baked potato bar, popcorn, cider**, and a full lineup of activities for kids and families: pumpkin painting, scavenger hunt, tug-of-war, potato sack races, hay wagon rides, barrel rides, bounce houses, a straw tower, and more. Please RSVP to **Erin Schumm at [260-437-3717](tel:260-437-3717)** (call or text).

LWML SUNDAY – October 4th – The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is dedicated to supporting missions and spreading the Gospel through service, prayer and financial grants. The Bethlehem LWML ladies will be serving delicious breakfast items during Bible Class and will be collecting "Mites" (small offerings) turning them into powerful blessings around the world. Blankets made by our sewing committee will be on display in the sanctuary. Those blankets will be then donated as special mission gifts. *Vicar Preus will be speaking during the Bible Class hour.*

PORK CHOP DINNER fundraiser. Sunday, October 11th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. This will be a drive thru only with pick up from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Northern Wells/Ossian Food Pantry and the Women of Bethlehem project fund. Cost is \$15.00 per dinner. Includes: Pork Chop, cheesy potatoes, green beans and a roll. To preorder your dinners contact: Pat Meyer at [260-227-0400](tel:260-227-0400) or email at spmeyer82@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT: Please see the sign up sheets available in the north hallway. Thank you

Please join us for a Pride & Prejudice Themed Movie Event! Hosted by Women of Bethlehem and Leaf & Lore, Ossian. Event Admission includes Teatime Treats and Tea Service, Goodie Bag, Activities and Prizes. Our Feature Film is showing of the 2005 Feature Film starring Keira Knightley and Matthew Macfadyen. Come dressed in your best Regency-themed outfit and enjoy a grand evening! Doors open at 6:00 p.m., with the event beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and available online on the Leaf & Lore Facebook page for ticket info.

Shrine of Christ's Passion- October 17th, day trip to St. John's, IN. Walk the way to the cross with life sized statues of Jesus and those who saw Him on that last journey. There are golf carts available to use there. We would leave in the morning, plan on bringing a lunch with you, and get dinner as a group on the way home. There is no cost of admission, just pitch in for gas and dinner. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot, please email Lynae.laley@gmail.com or call at (260) 413-4891. ***Please RSVP by October 3rd so we can set up transportation and reserve golf carts if needed.***

SENIOR DINNER – New Hope Lutheran Church is again offering a Senior Dinner on October 15th beginning at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Ed Rahn discussing railroad safety. Free will donation will be accepted. To RSVP call 260-622-7954 or 260-223-4830.

INVITATION – St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Church is going to hold their 181st anniversary church dinner on October 11th from 10-12:30 p.m. Dinner includes: Swiss Steak / Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner roll, Dessert- Adults \$12.00 and Children 12 and under \$6.00. Dine in or Drive thru.

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.**

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

Offering Sept. 20, 2026

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$12,415.49
Synod	50.00
Loose	573.03
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	12.25
Improvement Fund	450.00
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	49.47
Organ Fund	49.47
Memorials	1,550.00
REMC Refund	457.79
Property Ins Refund	194.00
Voice of Bethlehem	200.00
Funeral Taping	20.00
Total	<u>\$16,021.50</u>

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$30,867.52

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

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

Savings Account Balance \$98,889.76

Borrowed from Savings: \$33,790.49

Special Project Fund \$85,572.51

Operating Loan Balance \$0.00

Total available to borrow \$30,000

Church Attendance

Sunday 187/144

Wednesday 26/21

The House of Daily Bread

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



"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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: "Seek Where You May to Find a Way" LSB #557

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

The Catechism:

What does God say about all these commandments?

**He says: "I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the
children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth
generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand
generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments."**

Exodus 20:5-6

Psalm Ps. 2 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125, 126
P.M.	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Exodus 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18 - God's Law Always Accuses Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Tues.	Exodus 32:1-14 - The Worship of the Golden Calf Deuteronomy 1:19-36
Wed.	Exodus 32:15-35 - God's Wrath Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15
Thu.	Luke 23:13-25 - Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty Deuteronomy 2:16-37
Fri.	Matthew 7:15-29 - The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock Deuteronomy 3:1-29
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: Tyler, Emma, Lucas, Linda, Sharolyn, Gail, Alie, Denny, James, Kenneth, Jenny, Dan, Grace, Hazel, Brandon, Sandra; **Expectant mothers:** Mariel, Nicole, Sierra, Kelly; **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: Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:12-21; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46; Hymns: 797, 694, 632, 633, 696, 706, 919



Bethlehem Lutheran School

Fall
FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 3, 2026

6:00 P.M.

STAUFFER FARMS

3584 NW STATE ROAD 116-90 MARKLE, IN 46777

DELICIOUS FOOD PROVIDED BY THE BETHLEHEM PTL
Loaded Baked Potato Bar, Fresh Apple Cider, Popcorn

HAYRIDES, BARREL RIDES, BOUNCE HOUSES, STRAW TOWER,
POTATO SACK RACES, TUG-OF-WAR, SAVENGER HUNT,
PUMPKIN PAINTINGAND MORE!

