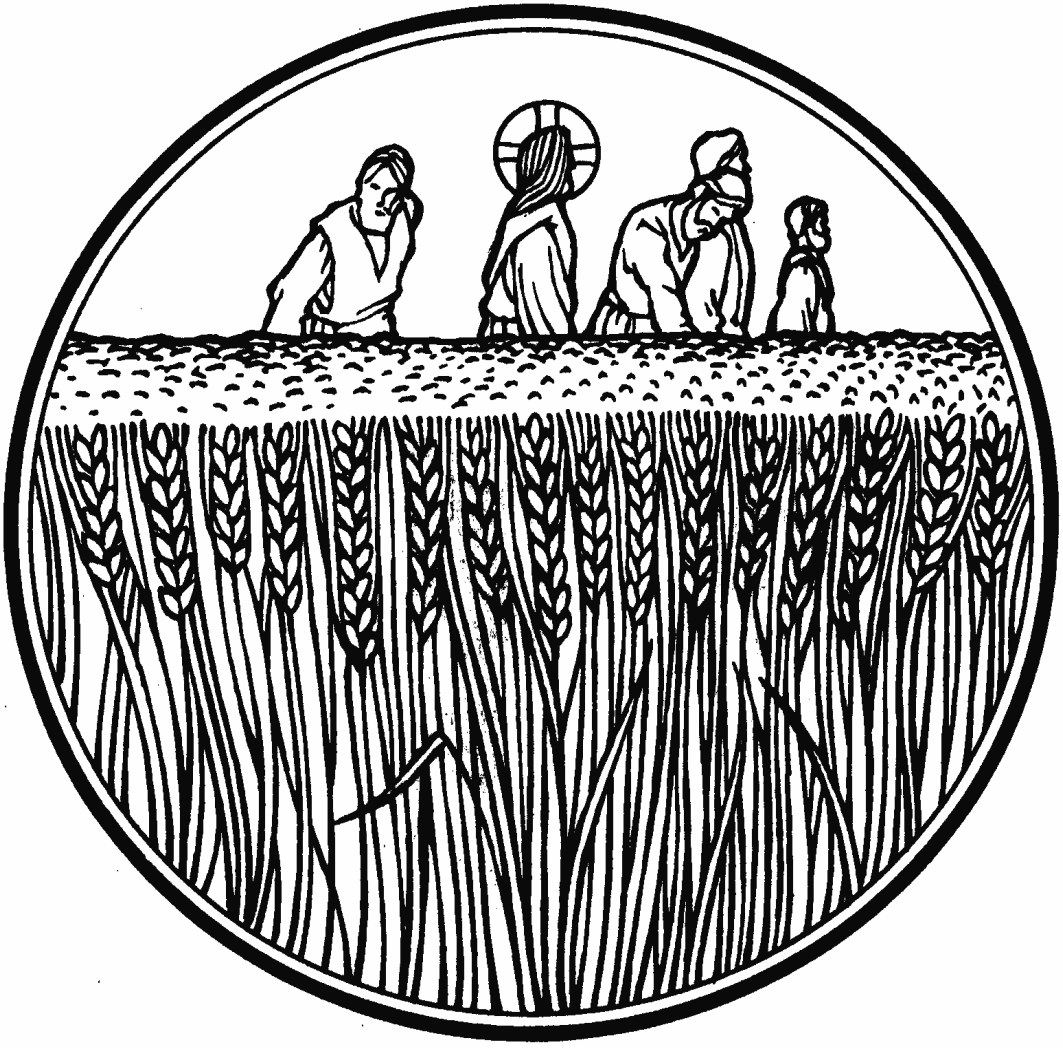
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Pre-Service Music *Bethlehem Handbell Choir* *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*
"O Worship the King"

Processional Hymn #827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



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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.**

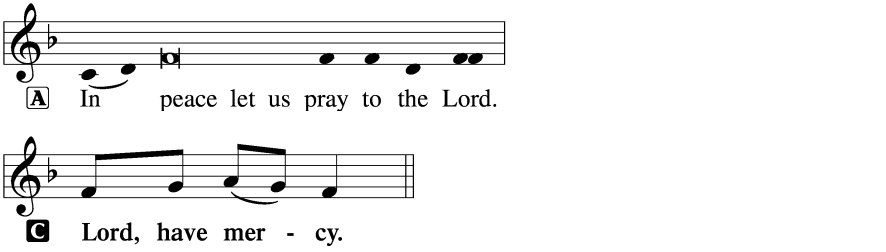
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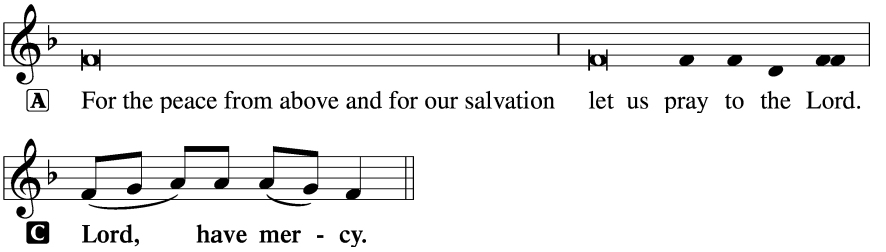
Introit *(sung responsively)*

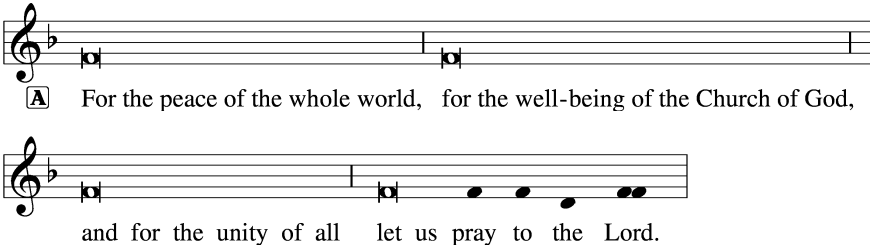


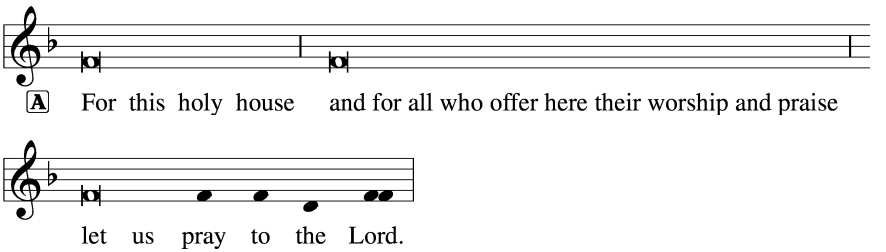
Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise | from the dead,*
and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,
beginning from Je- | rusalem.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,
to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.
How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!
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

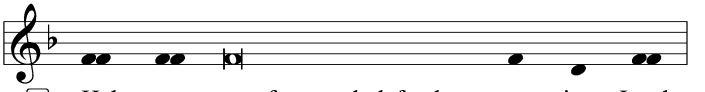

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.


A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.







Gloria in Excelsis





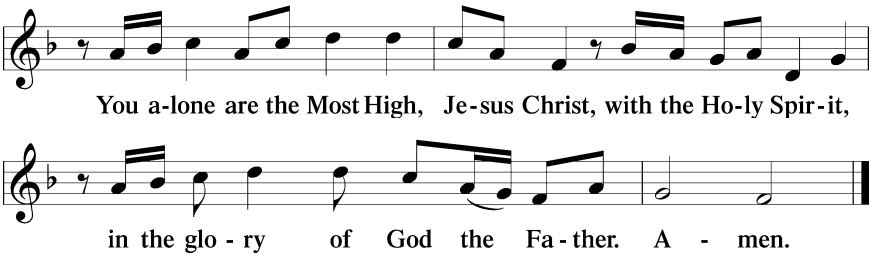












Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
Almighty God, our Father, Your blessed Son called Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul. Grant that the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments may put to flight the diseases of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:5–8

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
8 And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.
How sweet are your words | to my taste,*
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:5–18

5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill
your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has
come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there
is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me
on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Personal Instructions

9 Do your best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has
deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Luke alone
is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. 12 Tychicus I
have sent to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the
books, and above all the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will
repay him according to his deeds. 15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.
16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against
them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be
fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The
Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be
the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse





Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1–9

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



Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

[1]After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. [2]And he said to them, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. [3]Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. [4]Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. [5]Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' [6]And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. [7]And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. [8]Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. [9]Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

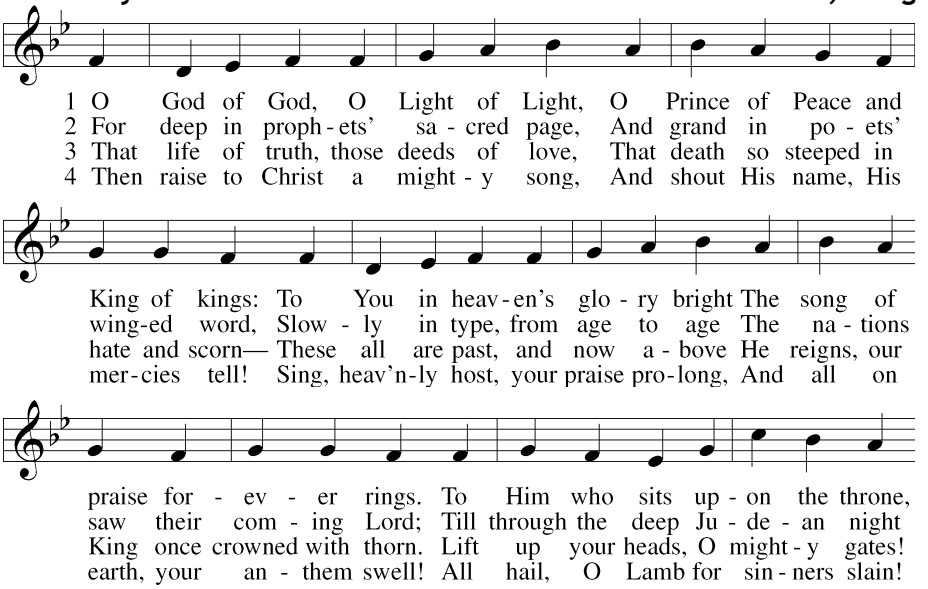
C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

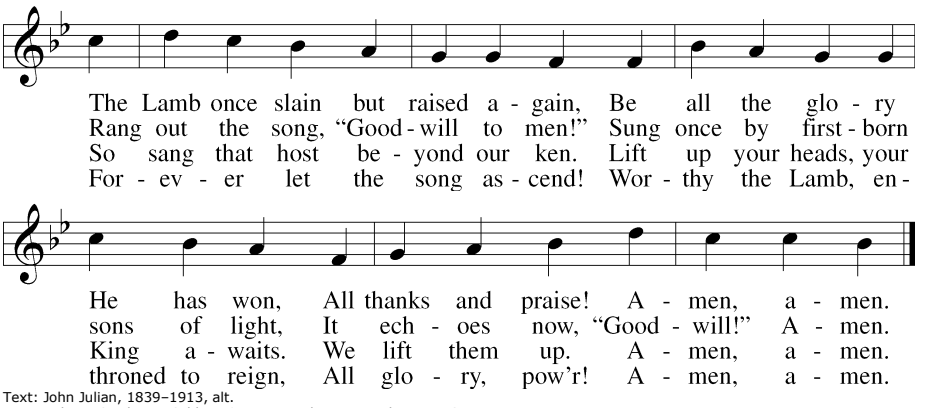
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

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 — #810 O God of God, O Light of Light





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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Those in need of strength and healing

James DeFrain, Shelly DeFrain
LaNora Palmateer (grandmother of DoRena Wirgau)
Tyler and Emma (friends of the Demalija's)
Lucas Reish (friend of Autumn Fisher)
Linda Trammel (grandmother of Ron Trammel)
Sharolyn Stoppenhagen (wife of Ian Stoppenhagen)
Kenneth Werling, Denny Nahrwold
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)

Thankful for the blessing of a baby boy to *Kyle and Mariel Kleppinger*

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

We pray for our members shut-in:

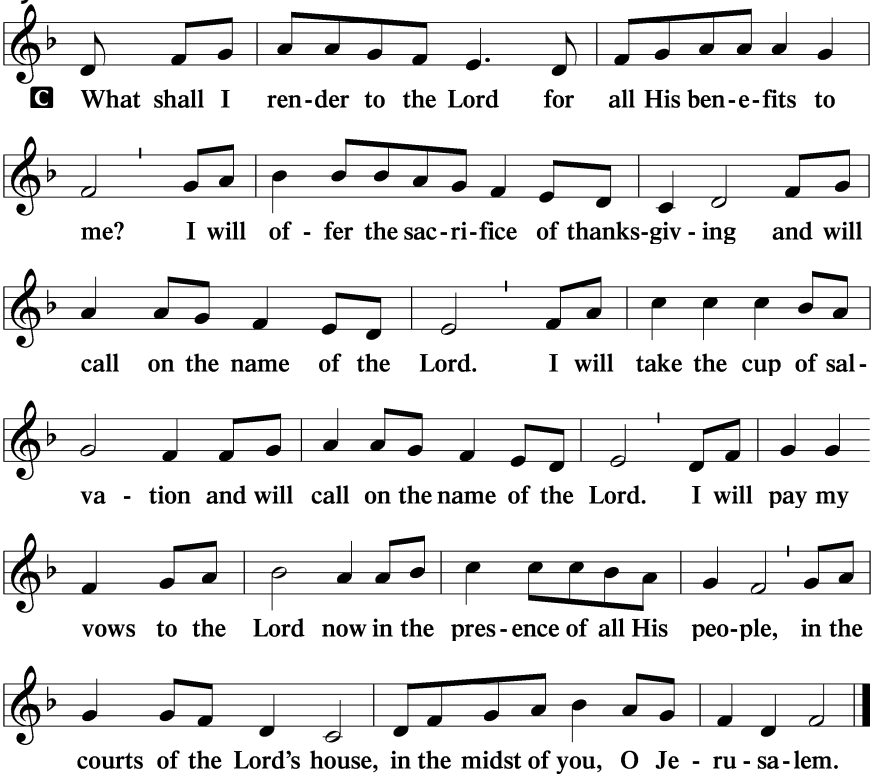
Sandy Avey (Ossian Healthcare)
Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)
Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

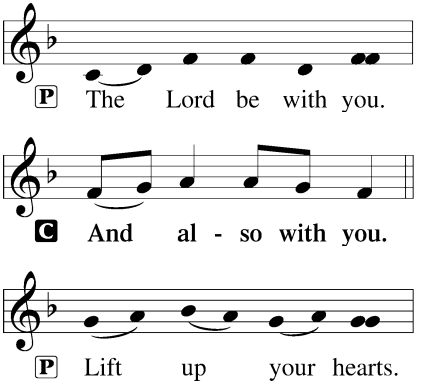
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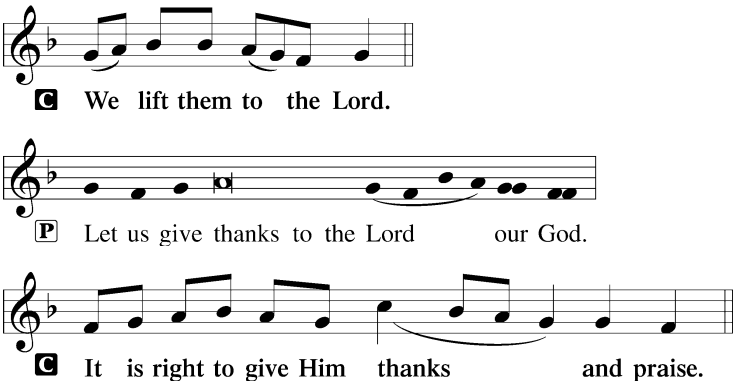
Offertory



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Preface

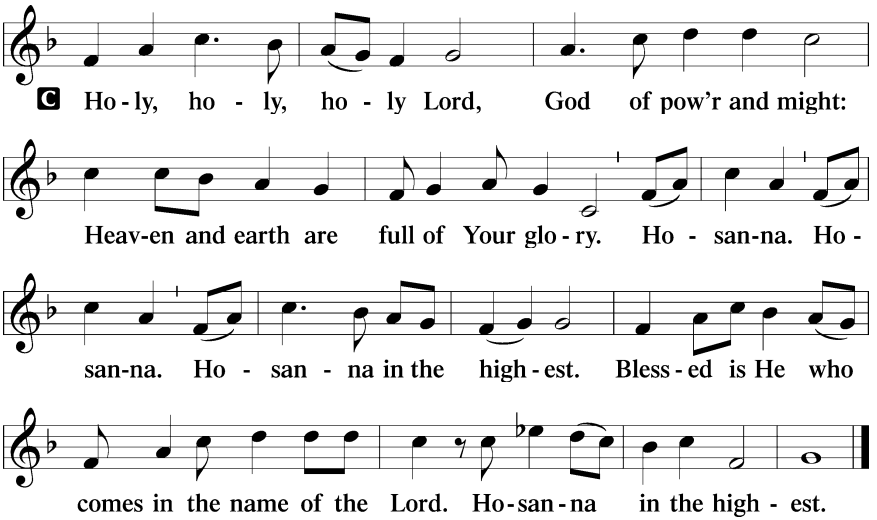




Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



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:

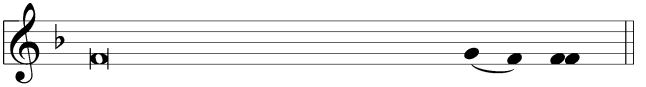
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

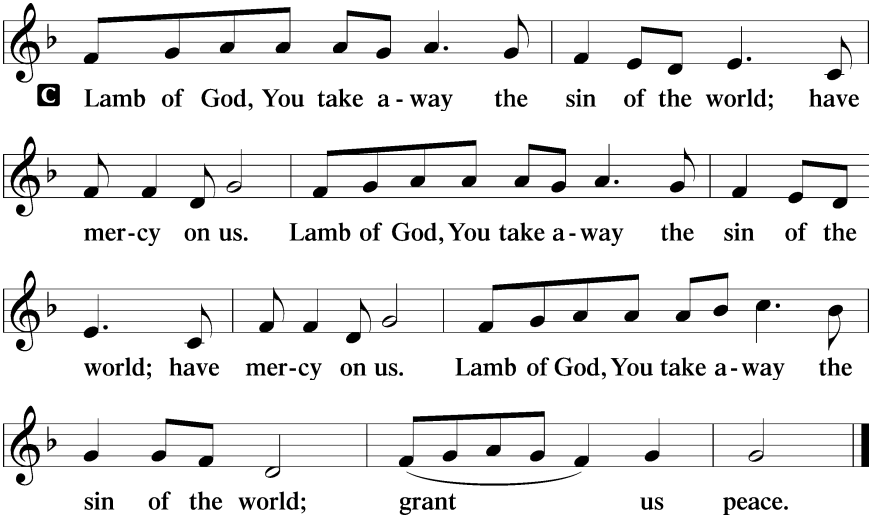
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ☩ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini





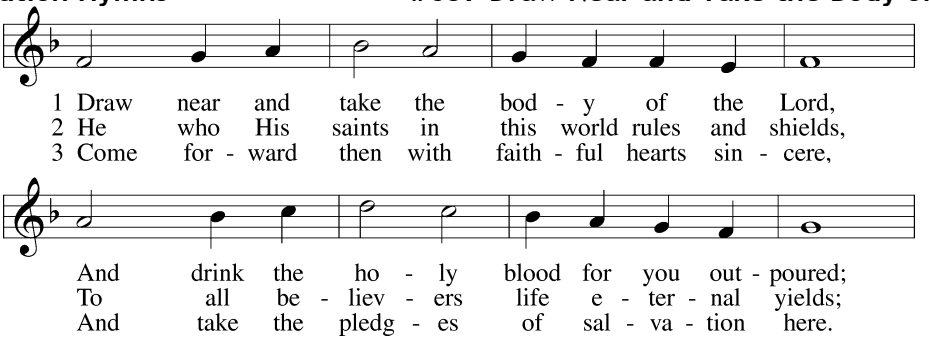
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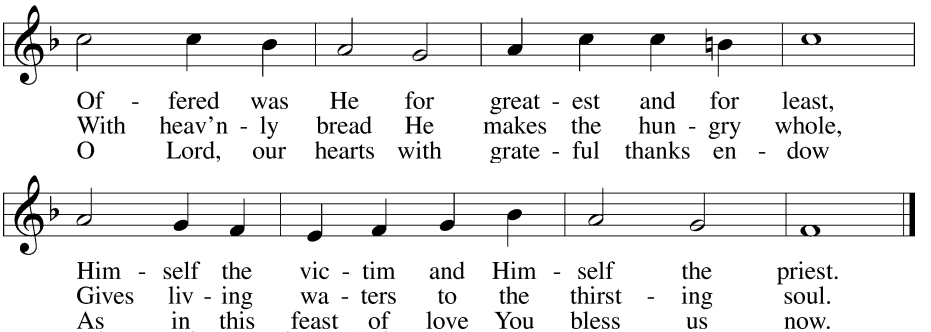


Distribution

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.**

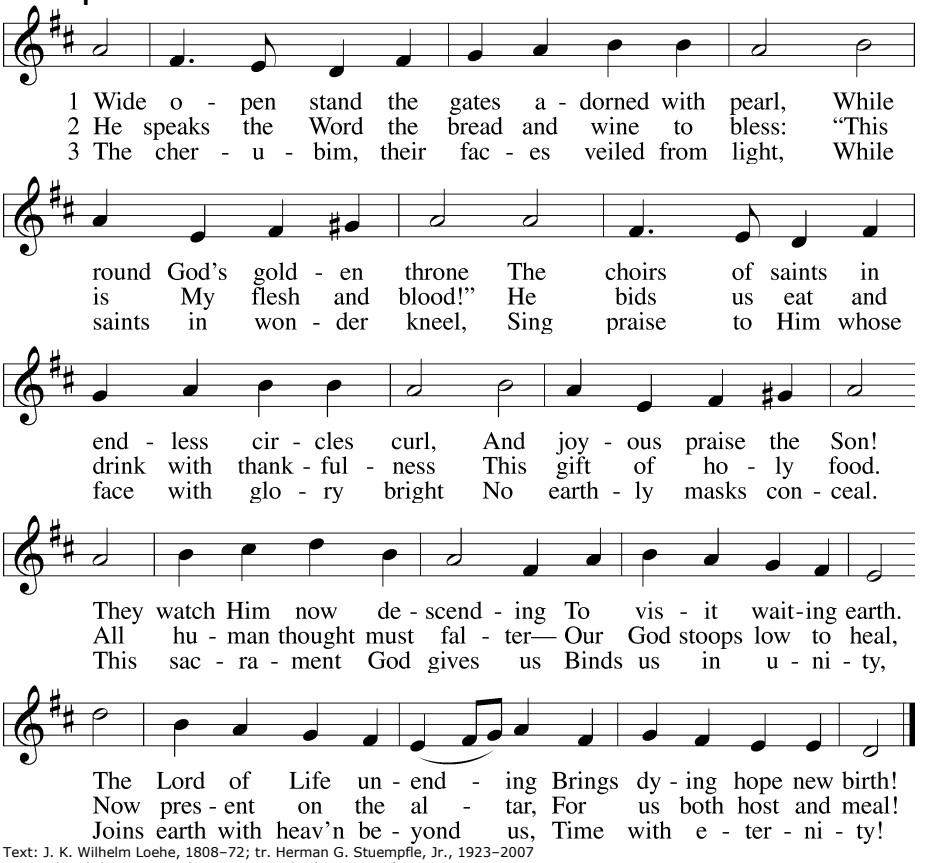
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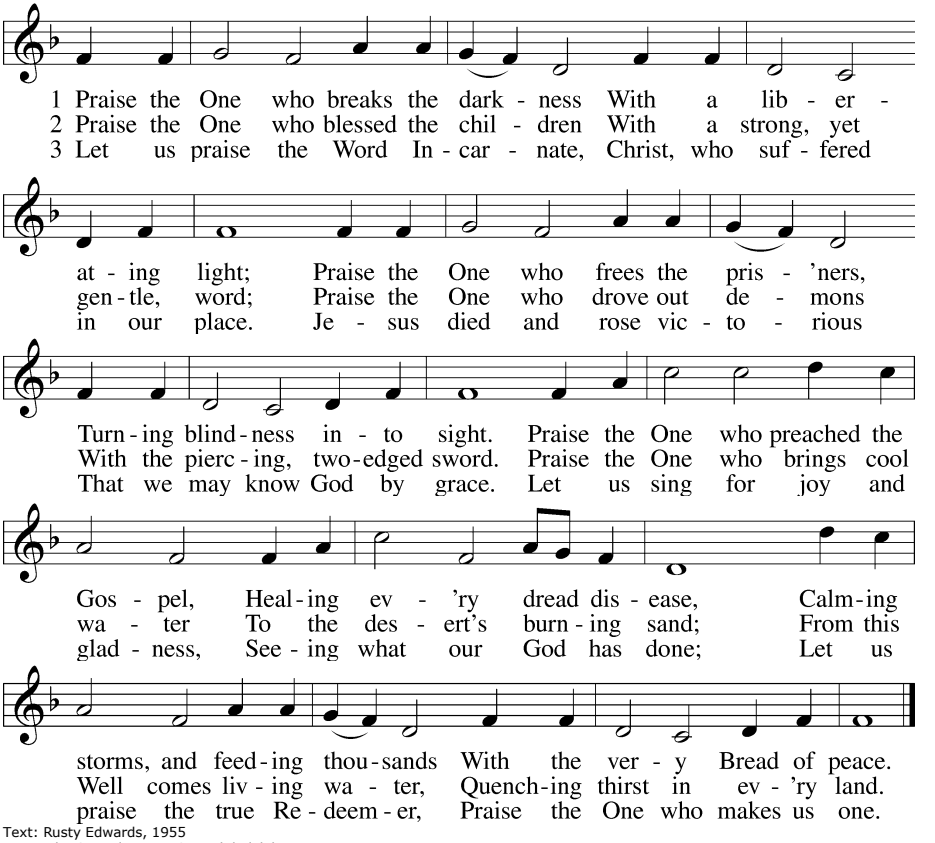
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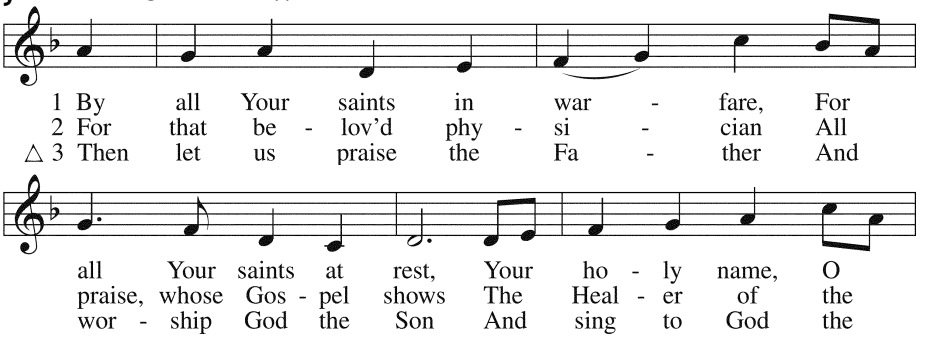
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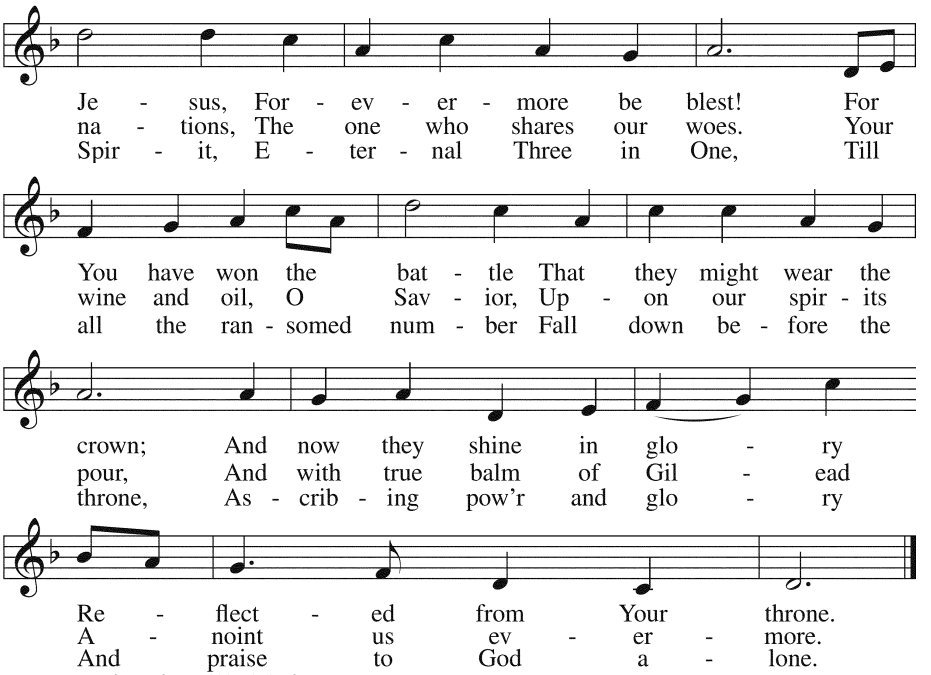
#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



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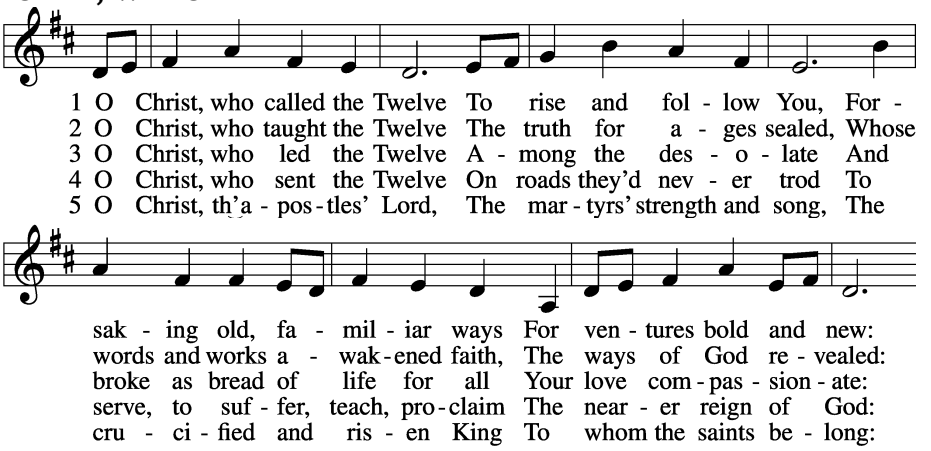
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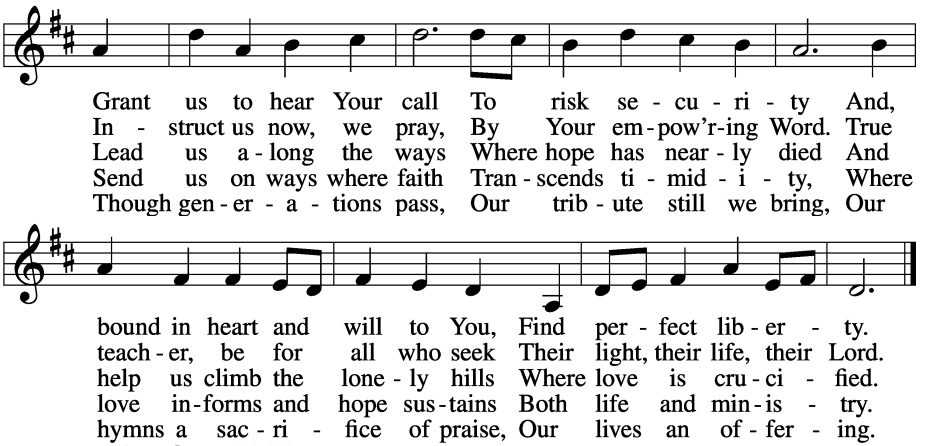




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#856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve





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Nunc Dimittis



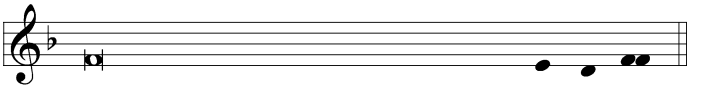
Post-Communion Collect

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.



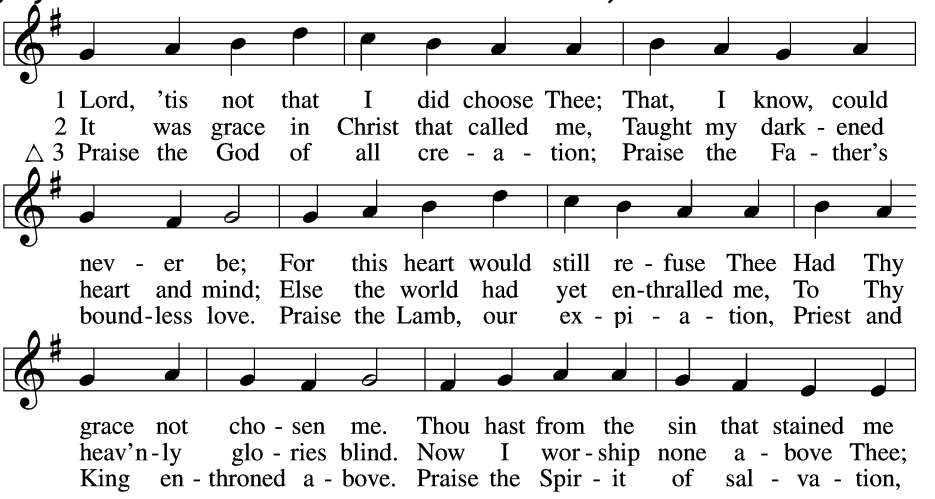
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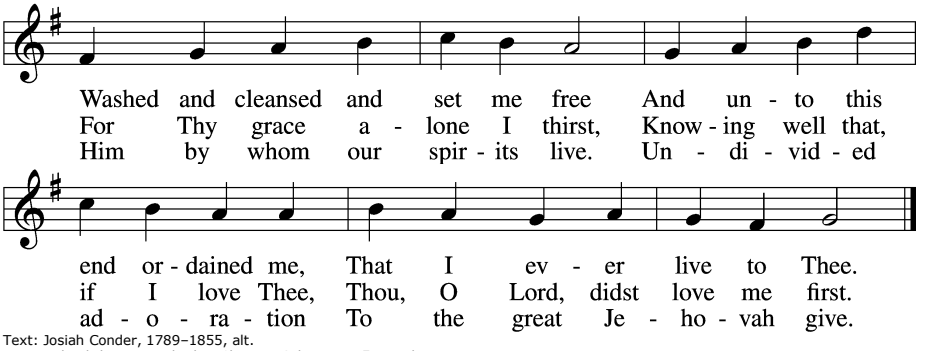


P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.



Closing Hymn #573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee





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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!

IN HIS SERVICE

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CALENDAR

TODAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School (Fall Break)
	10:30 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Public Circuit Forum -St. John, Bingen
MONDAY	**"FALL BREAK" No School Oct. 19-23**	
	1:00 p.m.	WOB Blanket Sewing (school art room)
	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	**NO**	**Chapel Service**
	7:00 p.m.	**Spoken Divine Service**
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:45 p.m.	Wholyfit
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
SUNDAY	**9:00 a.m.**	**Divine Service with Holy Communion**
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Elder / Family Discussion on First Communion

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 9:00 a.m. Livestream

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

CIRCUIT FORUM - Our Circuit will be holding a forum TODAY (October 18) at 2:00pm at St. John - Bingen. The main purpose of this forum will be presenting a recap of the 2026 Synod Convention which took place this past July in Phoenix. All are welcome to attend.

ATTENTION families with young children - the elders and pastor would like to meet with all the families with children who have not yet been confirmed to continue our study and discussion of First Communion prior to Confirmation. This will take place after Bible Study on Sunday October 25 (childcare can be provided). Please bring your thoughts and questions and join us for this discussion. Any questions please contact Head Elder Steve Conrad or Pastor Wirgau..

THANK YOU – We sincerely thank you for your generous donations and for thinking of our family during this difficult time following the recent flooding. Your kindness and willingness to help mean more to us than words can express! Thank you for being a blessing to our family during a time of need. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, kindness and loving heart! Thank you and God bless.

CANCELLED EVENT – Due to the lack of interest, the Women of Bethlehem have cancelled the "Shrine of Christs Passion" trip. This event may be tried again in the spring.

ALL SAINTS DAY INSERT - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 1st. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm or the church office with their name(s) by October 28th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

Bethlehem Swiss Steak Dinner – Christmas Sip & Shop Market - Vendor sign-up and volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the north hallway. The Bethlehem LWML ladies will be holding a "Cookie Walk" during this event and are taking donations of cookies or bars. Please consider sharing a batch of your favorite recipe!

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a Dan's Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 7th from 4:00-7:00pm with dine-in or drive thru service. The school is located at 3845 E 1100 N Decatur, IN 46733. Cost is $15.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, applesauce or homemade coleslaw, cookies and a drink. All proceeds are going towards tables and chairs storage racking.

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.**

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!

Funeral Planning Form: Did you know that funeral planning forms are available near the memorials in church? Members are encouraged to complete a form and return it to the church office to keep on file. This can help provide guidance and comfort to loved ones when making arrangements, ensuring that the funeral service reflects our Christian faith and the hope we have in Christ's resurrection. There will also be a copy of the form in our next newsletter.

Small Catechism: If you are interested in purchasing a spiral-bound Small Catechism with Explanation from (CPH), please let the church secretary know by November 1. The cost is $21.99 per book, plus shipping. The spiral binding allows the catechism to lay flat for ease of use, and the ample space for note-taking makes it a helpful resource for personal study. We will place a group order through CPH to help reduce shipping costs, with shipping expenses divided among those participating in the order.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

Offering October 11, 2026

Average weekly need $14,000

Home Fund Env.	$18,976.21
Synod	250.00
Loose	257.95
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	20.75
Improvement Fund	11,300.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Organ Fund	
Total	$30,954.91

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance $39,230.60

Next week's bills due: $15,000

Bills due two weeks: $15,000

Savings Account Balance $117,339.06

Borrowed from Savings: $16,159.06

Special Project Fund $85,572.51

Operating Loan Balance $0.00

Total available to borrow $30,000

Church Attendance Sunday 194/144

Wednesday 26/22



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH
6514 E 750 N OSSIAN, IN 46777

Swiss Steak Dinner

INCLUDES: MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL & DESSERT

ADULT TICKETS: $15
CHILDREN'S MEAL (HOT DOG OR STEAK): $6

SERVING
DINE IN OR
CARRY OUT
11-1:30 PM

SUNDAY
1
NOVEMBER

SHOPPING
10:30-2:00

ALSO HOSTING OUR
FIRST ANNUAL

Christmas

SIP & SHOP



Shop & Be Merry!



The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The Festival of St. Luke



The Lord bids us to *"pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"* (Luke 10:2). The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Is. 35:6–7), and the Lord sends His laborers out *"as lambs in the midst of wolves."* But Christ's Word of *"peace"* heals the sick and brings the very *"kingdom of God ... near"* to those who hear it (Is. 35:5; Luke 10:3–9). St. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14), did *"the work of an evangelist"* (2 Tim. 4:5). He diligently prepared both a Gospel, the history of Christ's work in the flesh before His ascension, and the Acts of the Apostles, the history of His continued work among His Church. Luke and his Scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Eph. 4:8–12), written for Theophilus and for *"all who have loved his appearing"* (2 Tim. 4:5–8). Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, *"two by two"* (Luke 10:1). Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul's missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses, and even to Rome, where he alone was with Paul.

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: **"O God of God, O Light of Light" LSB #810**

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

The Catechism:

What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

What is Hebrews 11:3?

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3

Psalm Ps. 147 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	19, 20	22	26, 27	30	32	33	35
P.M.	21	23, 24	25	28, 29	31	34	36

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	John 3:1-16 - Nicodemus Comes to Jesus by Night Deuteronomy 18:1-22
Tues.	John 3:16-21 - Jesus Catechizes Nicodemus Deuteronomy 19:1-20
Wed.	John 3:22-36 - John the Baptist Exalts the Christ Deuteronomy 20:1-20
Thu.	John 4:1-42 - The Woman at the Well Deuteronomy 21:1-23
Fri.	John 4:43-54 - The Nobleman's Son Is Healed Deuteronomy 25:17-26:19
Sat.	*Look ahead to Sunday's Readings*

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: *Shelly, James, LaNora, Tyler, Emma, Lucas, Linda, Sharolyn, Denny, 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: Festival of the Reformation (observed)
First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7; Epistle: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8:31-36; Hymns: 578, 656, 640, 641, 585, 658, 655