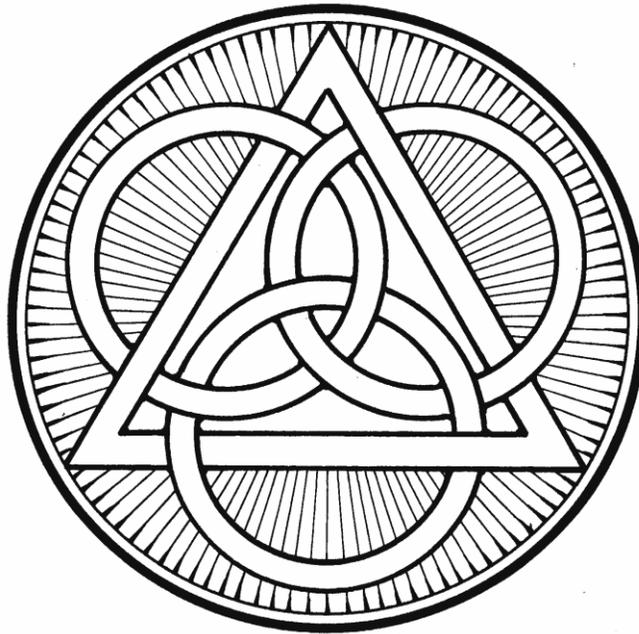




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## **THE HOLY TRINITY**

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## Divine Service: Setting III with Communion

Order of Service: *Lutheran Service Book*, pp 184-202

*Pre-Service Music*

### May Bible Verse

“I have said these things to you,  
that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation.  
But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

*John 16:33*

### Our Mission Statement

Representing God’s Love to our Congregation, Community, and the World!



In Light of 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Bethlehem Lutheran Church maintains the historical practice of “closed” communion in the belief that the Sacrament requires faith in Christ’s words that His body and blood are truly present. Furthermore, participation in the Sacrament is a sign of our unity in the faith with all those who join us at the altar. *For that reason, we ask that those visitors desiring to commune be members in good standing of a congregation of the LCMS and speak to the pastor or an elder before the beginning of the service.* Our denial of admission to those who are members of another confession is not a judgment upon their faith but a recognition that we hold to different confessions concerning God, salvation, and the Sacrament itself. Such individuals are invited to speak with the pastor following the service.

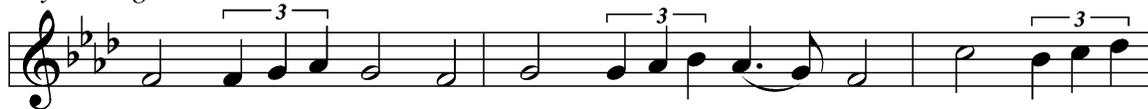
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### *Ringing of the Church Bell*

#### OPENING HYMN

*Thy Strong Word*

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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*Stand.*

INVOCATION

LSB 184

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



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

- 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

I have set the LORD always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**my flesh also dwells secure.**

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

### GLORIA PATRI

*LSB 186*

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*

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

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them...

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1–17

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## ATHANASIAN CREED

LSB 319

☐ **Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.**

**Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

**And the catholic faith is this,**

**that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

**For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

**But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**

**the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

**the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

**And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

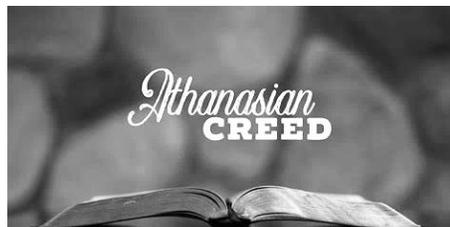
who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.



Sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

LSB 940



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred  
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet  
 △ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,  
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.  
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.  
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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SERMON

*Not A Mystery – Isaiah 6:1–8*

Stand.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



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



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



OFFERING PRAYER

*Sit.*

OFFERING

*Stand.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 194

**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 unto the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195



**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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



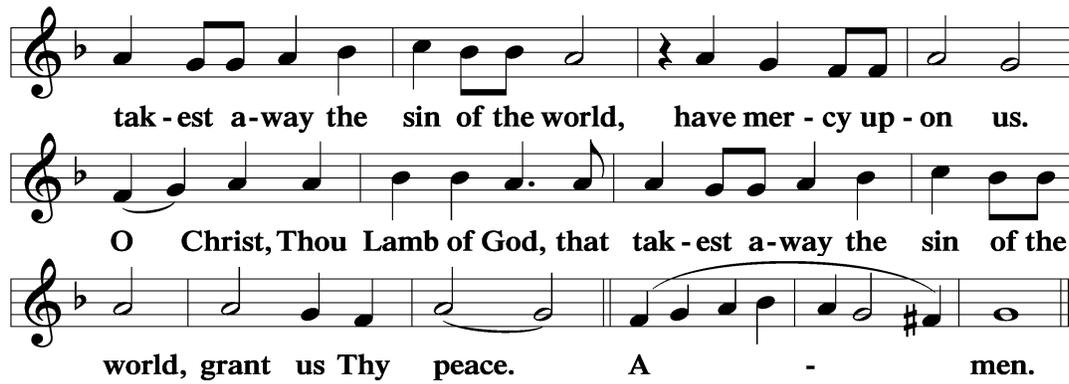
**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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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

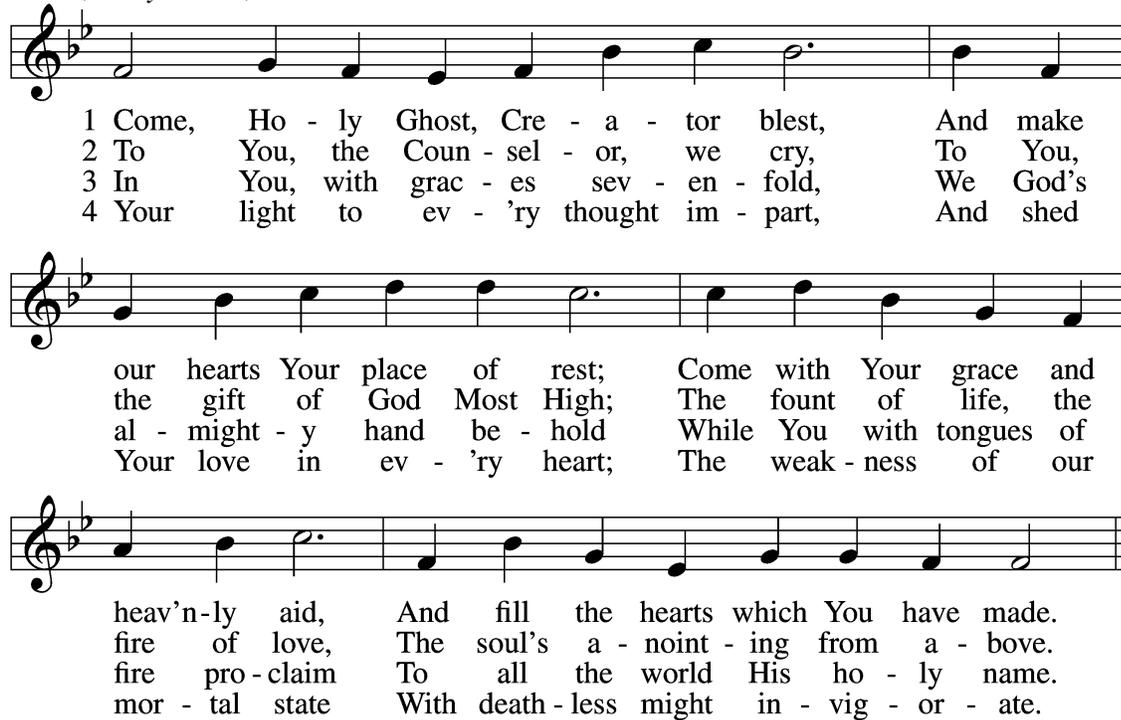

  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
   
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
   
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*

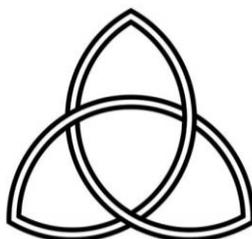
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1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make
   
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,
   
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's
   
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed
   
our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and
   
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the
   
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of
   
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
   
heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
   
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
   
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
   
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

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Tri - une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!  
 1 God the Fa - ther be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!  
 2 Je - sus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.  
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.  
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.  
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,  
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,  
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,  
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.  
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.  
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.  
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum-ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning  
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning  
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning  
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.  
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.  
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.  
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev-il's wiles and cun - ning.



A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"



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



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



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



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

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Father Most Holy



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
 3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
 Δ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
 joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
 wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
 praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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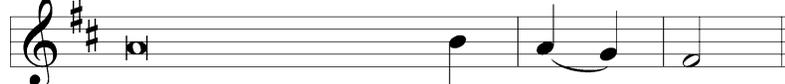
Stand.



**C** 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

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** 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 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** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.  


**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.  


**C** Thanks be to God.

**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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Sit.*

## CLOSING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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POSTLUDE

*Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where we worship in the name of the crucified and risen Lamb of God, Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessings to you as you worship with us today.*



**Congregation:** healing and health for Jim Straker, who is battling a cancer diagnosis; for Blake Powers, Edith Erwin, and Deloris Griffin; for our shut-in members: Renee Brinkmann, Mildred Holle, Lathel Norris, James Schoenemann, Roger & Elvera Schroeder, and others who are unable to come to church

**Community:** may our Lord continue to deliver to us favorable weather; Brenham Pregnancy Center and those whose lives they touch; Faith Mission; families and individuals cared for by Child Protective Services

**World:** for all those suffering in the war in Israel, may God watch over and protect His children, and by His Holy Spirit, may they all come to know Christ as their Savior and thus enjoy an eternity with Him; for those who have been led astray into false belief; for those facing crisis pregnancies, that they would find the strength to choose life for their unborn child; for the leaders of the nations, that they would make goodly decisions for their people and countries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week's Schedule**

**May 26 – June 2**

**Today:**

***The Holy Trinity***



**9:00 AM**

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM**

Divine Worship: Setting III with Holy Communion

Acolyte:

Michael Hinze

Greeter:

Karen Gaskamp

Ushers:

Shane Schroeder

Trenton Schwartz

Lance Searle

Chris Smitherman

**Tuesday:**

**6:30 PM**

Women's Bible Study

**Saturday:**

**7:30 AM**

Men's Club Breakfast, Bible Study, & Meeting

**Next Sunday:**

***Second Sunday after Pentecost***

**9:00 AM**

Sunday School, Adult Bible Class

**10:15 AM**

Divine Worship: Setting I with Holy Communion

Acolyte:

Kaisen Ashorn

Greeter:

Amanda Hafer

Ushers:

Samuel Smitherman Rallin Wellmann

Billy Ashorn

Blane Ashorn

**11:15 AM**

Youth League Meeting & Bible Study

**Serving in May: Elder** – Charles Meyer / **Trustee** – Doyle Dahmann

**Serving in June: Elder** – Clinton Kettler / **Trustee** – Kevin Harrington

*If you have a question or thought concerning spiritual care or the church property, please contact the appropriate elder or trustee.*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Karen Gaskamp.*

## DIRECTORY NEWS: WE STILL NEED YOUR PICTURES!



If you have picture(s) of recent church events, especially from Christmas Programs or Youth Events, please email them to Carin Landeck ([cathlandeck@gmail.com](mailto:cathlandeck@gmail.com)) for consideration.



### Attention Church Organization Members

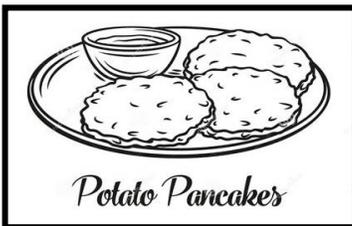
We need pictures of your group for our new church directory. If you are a member of the **Board of Elders, Church Council, Men's Club, LWML, or Youth League**, please **stay briefly after church next Sunday** for some pictures. *Thank you!*

**Men's Club monthly breakfast** is this **Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served, with fellowship and Bible study to follow.



**Men of the congregation, this is your opportunity to be involved in your congregation, bond as brothers in Christ, and be fed, both in body and Spirit.** So, mark your calendars and bring your appetites! *Please RSVP with the QR code or go to the Men's Club page on the church website to sign up. We need to know how much food to prepare.*

### The Potato Pancake Supper is Back!



After a four-year hiatus, the **annual Potato Pancake Supper** will resume on **Friday, June 7, 5-7 pm.** Tickets are available to buy now, or **RSVP** on our website under the "News from the Pews" tab.

We are hoping to bring this Bethlehem tradition back with a bang and have it **be something the whole family can enjoy.** Along with the delicious potato pancakes there will be "regular" flour pancakes for any kids that may be picky eaters. We will also have a bounce house and face painting for the kids to enjoy while the adults catch up and visit.

We look forward to seeing you again at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethlehem Lutheran Potato Pancake Supper!



*All Members of the Congregation are invited and encouraged to serve at the Potato Pancake Supper. Please contact Diane Jaehne (979-251-0248) to learn more. Thank you!*

Life With God—New Member Classes begin Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>



Our adult information class covers the most important teachings of the Bible as they are believed, taught, and confessed here at Bethlehem. It is designed for anyone considering membership at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and for members of the congregation who would like a thorough review of basic Biblical doctrine. So mark your calendar and plan to join us on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, starting June 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes run for 10-12 sessions.

VBS June 18-21st - The Lions of Babylon



It's that time of the year again to start thinking about VBS. The Board of Education is excited to introduce this year's theme, *The Lions of Babylon*. The kids will follow along through the Book of Daniel as they learn about the exile to Babylon and how God cared for His people.

The dates for this year's VBS will be **Tuesday, June 18 through Friday, June 21**. Each night will last from **5:00 - 8:00 pm**, with dinner from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. And this year Pastor will be offering a Bible class for the adults during kids' activities. So, there's something for everyone.

**Mark your calendars for this exciting VBS experience!** To register your child(ren), follow the link on the "News from the Pews" page on our website, or sign up on the form located in the Parish Hall.

**VBS Volunteers needed!**



To help with VBS, sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall or scan the QR code to sign up online.



*Life Thoughts from Lutherans for Life*

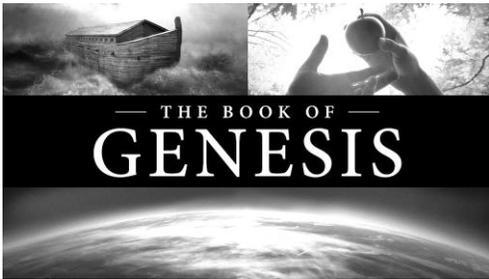
The truth of Father, Son, and Spirit proves that God loves relationship, family, and community. He gives these blessings no matter how young or old (John 3:4-5), even inhabiting the womb or entering the tomb. The

One who creates, redeems, and calls every human being reigns as Lord over life and death (Acts 2:36). Abortion and assisted suicide are idolatrous, and Jesus has come to save from it (John 3:17). For more information, please visit <https://lutheransforlife.org/>.

## *Sunday School Corner*

Parents, today in Sunday School, your kids studied the lesson “A Deacon Delivers—Philip and an Ethiopian.” Directed by an angel, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official reading from the Book of Isaiah while riding in his chariot. Realizing the Ethiopian needs help to understand the Scriptures, Philip steps in. After instructing the Ethiopian, Philip baptizes the man and then is carried away by the Spirit to Azotus. To reinforce this lesson for your kids, as a family, discuss, “Who helps us understand Scripture today?” And don't miss out on next week's exciting lesson, “An Enemy Converts - Saul.” Also, parents, you can join Pastor Krieg in the adult Sunday School class. See you next week!

## *New Adult Sunday School Lesson*



Genesis lays the foundation for all the events and doctrines of Holy Scripture. Studying its characters and events will prepare you for a much broader understanding of God's ways with humankind. Throughout Genesis, Moses emphasizes that these records apply not simply to Israel but to all nations and families of the earth. See in the patriarchs' weaknesses, struggles, and joys a mirror of families today. The Lord, through promise and faith, makes all the difference for the patriarchs, and He will

likewise bless and lead you. So join us as we begin our study of the book of Genesis. If you could not attend today, please join us next Sunday during the Adult Bible Study hour before church, starting at 9 a.m. Now is the time to commit yourself to a deeper and more meaningful understanding of God's Word and your relationship with Him. I hope to see you all next Sunday as we continue our studies.



### *Online Giving*

You may give tithes and offerings online by clicking the “Give” tab on our website (<https://www.bethlehemwmpenn.org/>), or just scan the QR code to the left.

## **Last Week at Bethlehem**

SERVICE	ATTENDANCE	GIFTS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL
05-19 Sunday School	9	\$65.51
05-19 Youth Bible Class	3	
05-19 Adult Bible Class	30	
05-19 Sunday Worship Service	130	General Fund: \$2,567.50 Lutheran Witness: \$45.00