

# Bethlehem & St. John Lutheran Churches

- The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod -

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Twenty-third Sunday after the Pentecost

November 13, 2022

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### **The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

**Teaching Points Baptismal Garment** The baptism service provides the option of laying a white cloth on the newly baptized, symbolizing the righteousness (purity) of Christ with which they have now been clothed (Gal. 3:27). This practice is reminiscent of an ancient practice of clothing the newly baptized in a white garment. A vestige of this tradition is the use of a christening gown which is often handed down from generation to generation. (See also Rev. 7:9—17.)

### **From the Small Catechism**

*What is the Office of the Keys?*

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

*Where is this written?*

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

*What do you believe according to these words?*

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they \_\_\_\_\_ openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and \_\_\_\_\_ those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us \_\_\_\_\_.

## Divine Service I

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB:784

### Confession and Absolution Beth: Rite of Baptism (p.268)

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

*Stand*

### Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.152)

This is the Feast (p. 155)

Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading: *Malachi 4:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 (LSB 98) (prayed responsively by whole verse)

**Epistle:** *2 Thessalonians 3:6–13*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

<sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

Alleluia (p.156)

Holy Gospel: *Luke 21:5–36*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.

<sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

<sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

<sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.

<sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the

powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p.158) **St. John only**

*Sit*

**Office hymn:** Christ Is Surely Coming

LSB 509

Sermon

**.Stand**

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.160)

Sanctus (p.161)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.161)

The Lord's Prayer (p.162)

The Words of Institution (p.162)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.163)

*Sit*

Distribution of the Sacrament

**Hymns:**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart LSB 641

The Church's One Foundation LSB 644

All People That on Earth Do Dwell LSB 791

*Stand*

Post-Communion Cantic: *Thank the Lord* (p.164)

Post Communion Collect (p.166)

Benediction (p.166)

Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past LSB 733

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## Announcements

**Remember in our Prayers:**

Our Shut-ins

**This Week at Bethlehem and St. John**

**Mon. Nov. 14**      **BETH:** Elders 6:00pm

Council 7:00pm

**Tues. Nov. 15**      **STJ:** Elders 6:00pm

Council 7:00pm

**Sun. Nov. 20**      **BETH :** 8:00am: Divine Service w/HC

9:15 Bible Study

**STJ:** 10:30am: Divine Service /HC

11:45am Bible Study

**Wed. Nov. 23**      **BETH:** 7:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Thur. Nov. 24**      **STJ:** 9:00am Thanksgiving Day Service

**Bethlehem** is planning the Live Nativity and Soup Supper on December 10<sup>th</sup>. They are asking each family to bring 4 dozen cookies, or baked goods, or handmade crafts. Sign up sheets for all jobs are posted on the bulletin board, please sign up to help during the week and or on the weekend.

**Bethlehem Sunday School Children's Christmas Service**,\_entitled "To Us A Child Is Born", will be held **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, **immediately following the 8am Service**. After the children's service, a breakfast will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Bethlehem Acolyte and Greeter Schedule for November**

<b>Month/Date</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Greeter</b>
Nov. 20th	Calleigh Cook	Dennis Venzke & Kurt Denzine
Nov. 27th	Braxton Kilty	Thomas & Delores Venzke

If you are unable to do your duty for the week you are scheduled, please find an alternate to fill in for you or switch dates with



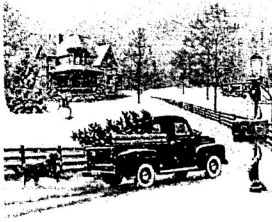
**8th Annual LWML Christmas Wreath Sale:** Sign-up sheets are available at both churches from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Delivery date will be Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> after services at both churches. We appreciate your support. Money earned will be put toward

improvements at our church. If you need you can put your order in by phone - call Arlette Molten @715-223-3946 or Lois @715-654-5614. At St. John please give your money to Sharon at the church office.

**Bethlehem Christmas Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone who would like to purchase a poinsettia to help beautify the church for the Christmas season. The cost is \$15.00. Please pay Marlene Schreiber when ordering and make checks payable to Abbotsford School District.

**Advent Service** will begin on Wednesday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Service at St. John is at 1:30pm and Bethlehem Service is at 7:00pm.





# 2022 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH Sale

**Bethlehem LWML Ladies Aid**

**Sign up: November 6 - 20**

**Delivery Date November 27**

**Order form available at Bethlehem  
and St. John.**

**St. John - Give payment to the Church Office  
on or before delivery**

## **Items Available:**

30" Wreath	\$20.00
22"Wreath	\$11.00
Roping	\$ .70 a foot
Small Cross 15x25	\$10.00
Kissing Ball	\$20.00
Tombstone topper	\$12.00

**Special requests Call Arlette @ 223-3946**