



# Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)

Biblical · Understandable · Relevant

2026

Saturday, 1/31 at 4:00

Sunday, 2/1 at 9:00

Church Year: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Divine Service: Setting **Three**, LSB 184-202

**Note:** For this service, you can use this folder, or pages 184-202 in a Lutheran Service Book

Thank you to Mr. Harold Weseloh – *today's worship leader and preacher*,  
and Dr. Phillip Giessler – *today's Bible class teacher*, substituting for Pastor Robert Green

## WELCOME:

- ☺ **Visitors:** *Welcome! See our Welcome Table, sign our book, take a bag, and tell us how we can help!*
- ☺ **Prayer Request:** *Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).*
- ☺ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).*
- ☺ **All Children:** *Children's Message (join us).*
- ☺ **Phone:** *Please put on silent.*
- ☺ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in the Narthex.*
- ☺ **Service Folder:** *Available on your smartphone: [www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder](http://www.BLC7500.com/ServiceFolder)*
- ☺ **Worship From Your Car:** *Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).*

## BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

## PRELUDE: *We listen in silence...*

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word    Arr. David N. Johnson

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

**Saturday** – Arise Now ↑

**Sunday** – Arise for Stanza 3 of the Hymn

## CONFESSiON and ABSOLUTION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.    *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD.    *[Heb. 10:22]*

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**    *Ps. 124:8*

L: **¶** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Ps. 32:5*

## Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

A: **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.**

L: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and

bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the LORD, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**C: Amen.**

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Saturday** ➔ *The hymn is sung by all!*

**Sunday** ➔ **Choir:** vv. 1-2

**Choir + Congregation:** vv. 3-4

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

See the words below / LSB 842

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
    Source of life and truth and grace,  
    Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
        Hallows all our human race,  
    You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
        For Your own will ever plead:  
    Fill us with Your love and pity,  
        Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
    So may we for others live.  
    Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
        Freely may Your servants give.  
    Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
        Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
    We but stewards of Your bounty  
        Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
    King of love and Prince of Peace;  
    Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
        Bid its cruel discords cease.  
    By Your patient years of toiling,  
        By Your silent hours of pain,  
    Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
        Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
    Source of life and truth and grace,  
    Word made flesh, whose birth among us

    Hallows all our human race:  
    By Your praying, by Your willing  
        That Your people should be one,  
    Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
        Here on earth Your will be done.

**Saturday** ➔ **KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*      *Mark 10:47*

L: O Lord,      C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Christ,      C: **have mercy upon us.**  
L: O Lord,      C: **have mercy upon us.**

**Sunday** ➔ **This Kyrie and Gloria are sung by all!**

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*      *Mark 10:47*      **LSB 186**

    Lord, have mer – cy up – on us.  
    Christ, have mer – cy up – on us.  
    Lord, have mer – cy up – on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*

**LSB 187**

    Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace,  
    goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless  
    Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give  
        thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

    O Lord God, heav'ly King, God the Father  
    Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus  
        Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
    Father, that takest away the sin of the world,  
    have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the  
        sin of the world, receive our prayer.

    Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
    Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art  
        holy; Thou only art the Lord.

    Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
    art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
        Amen.

### SALUTATION and COLLECT:

L: The LORD be with you.      *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live  
    in the midst of so many dangers that in our  
    frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant

strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. **↓ Children!** Please come forward!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Micah 6:1-8 NAS-20

### *God's Indictment of His People*

**1** Hear now what the LORD is saying, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice.

**2** "Listen, you mountains, to the indictment by the LORD, And you enduring foundations of the earth, Because the LORD has a case against His people; And He will dispute with Israel.

**3** "My people, what have I done to you, And how have I wearied you? Answer Me.

**4** "Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of slavery, And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

**5** "My people, remember now What Balak king of Moab planned And what Balaam son of Beor answered him, *And what happened* from Shittim to Gilgal, So that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD."

### ***What God Requires of Mankind***

**6** With what shall I come to the LORD And bow myself before the God on high? Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, With yearling calves?

**7** Does the LORD take pleasure in thousands of rams, In ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my wrongdoings, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

**8** He has told you, mortal one, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: 15**

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### *Description of a Citizen of Zion*

- 1** O LORD, who shall sojourn | in your tent?\*  
Who shall dwell on your | holy hill?
- 2** He who walks blamelessly and does | what is right\*  
and speaks truth | in his heart;
- 3** who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his | neighbor,\*  
nor takes up a reproach a- | gainst his friend;
- 4** in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who | fear the LORD;\*  
who swears to his own hurt and | does not change;
- 5** who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the | innocent.\*  
He who does these things shall nev- | er be moved.

**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.**

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

NAS-20

### *The Wisdom of God*

**18** For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**19** For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE WHO HAVE UNDERSTANDING, I WILL CONFFOUND."

**20** Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has God not made foolish the wisdom of the world?

**21** For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

**22** For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ

crucified, to Jews a stumbling block, and to Gentiles foolishness,<sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than mankind, and the weakness of God is stronger than mankind.

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers and sisters, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;<sup>27</sup> but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,<sup>28</sup> and the insignificant things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no human may boast before God.

<sup>30</sup> But it is due to Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,<sup>31</sup> so that, just as it is written: “LET THE ONE WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ ALLELUIA (second option) – Sung by All      LSB 190  
Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia. Al – le – lu – ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12      NAS-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD.

*The Sermon on the Mount; The Beatitudes*

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED:** See back of either hymnal

**HYMN:** Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

See the words below / TLH 16 / LSB 904

1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

We are gathered all to hear You.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear You,

By Your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love You solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till Your Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us;

You must work all good within us.

3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,

Light of Light, from God proceeding,

Open now our heart and mind;

Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

## SERMON:

### Micah 6:1-8

- **Biblical** *"Hear what the Lord says as we plead our case and hear his response."*  
**6:8** He has told you, O man (mortal one – 2020), what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love <sup>[a]</sup>kindness, And to walk <sup>[b]</sup>humbly with your God?
- **Understandable**
- **Relevant**

### Psalm 15

- **Biblical** *The psalm answers the question posed in the first verse – "Lord, who may reside in your tent?"*  
**15:1** Lord, who may reside in your tent? Who may settle on Your holy hill?
- **Understandable**
- **Relevant**

### I Corinthians 1:18-31

- **Biblical** *"As we continue the readings from 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds us what is "folly" and what "the word of the cross is...to us who are being saved but the power of God."*  
**I Corinthians 1:31** "Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."
- **Understandable**
- **Relevant**

### Matthew 5:1-12

- **Biblical** *"Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, nine verses that begin with the words 'Blessed are the...and are completed with 'for they shall...'. Verses 11-12 change that pattern."*  
**5:11-12** <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **Understandable** What does it mean to be "blessed"?
- **Relevant** Are you among the "blessed"?

### **↑ OFFERTORY: Sung by all Ps. 51:10-12 LSB 192-193**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

**Offering:** Plates are available in the center aisle.

**Thanks for Honoring the LORD!**

### **PRAYER: Let Us Pray**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon,  
with all our heart and with all our mind, *let us pray to the Lord:*  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**  
L: For the holy Christian Church, here and  
scattered throughout the world, and for the  
proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of  
all to faith, *let us pray to the Lord:*  
**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For these additional requests..., *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for those named and for all our needs of body and soul, *let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Please Pray During the Week

► **US Armed Forces and Police:** Kevin Mild, Eric Mild, Teagan Dedula, Nick Riviotta, Brad Sala, Chris Sala, Jacob Smith, Hayden Sweeny, Drew Tenney, Chris Weseloh.

### Congregation

► **Care List:** Helga B, Pat B, Zach B, Doris C, Sandy C, Jim F, Trudy F, Carole G, Esther H, Hilda K, Edmund & Christl K, Bill M, Regina M, Rose R, June R, Jean S, Bill S, Cindy T, Mike & Susanna T, Vicki T, Jim V (most are offered regular mailings and visits).

► **Stephen Ministry:** Blessings to our Stephen Ministers and those who receive their care!

► **Temporary Health Issues:**

- Cedrick Hilliker (3) bicep: *healing*.
- Matt Hlavacek (3) Lyme disease: *healing*.
- Matt Kussmaul – eye issues: *cont. healing*.
- Frank Murphy (3) pneumonia: *cont. healing*.
- June Russell (2) broken hip, *healing, rehab*.
- Cindy Taress (1) *continued relief, healing*.
- Rand Stender (3) knee: *rehab, stretching*.
- Bill Sweeny – foot surg.: *healing, rehab*.
- Terry Tomasch (3) knee: *continued recovery*.

### Others

► **Temporary Health Issues:**

- Jim Allen (3) whiplash, back, arm issues, possible surgery: *relief, healing*.
- Kimberly Borland (3) *self-care, good health*.
- Stacey Dames (3) *peace, continued healing*.
- Melanie Himmelberger (3) mass on femur: *peace, comfort, good test results*.
- Virginia Little (3) kidneys: *peace, healing*.
- Bernice Mease (3) kidney cancer: *healing*.
- Linda McKay (3) home: *prop. diag., healing*.
- Rose Ramos (3) *healing, strength, rehab*.
- Luke Schave (1) *treatment success, healing*.
- Kim Starr (3) cancer: *peace, guidance*.
- Bethany Transue (1) lymphoma: *peace, encouragement, strength, healing*.
- Jim Vrabel (1) surg. 1/16: *relief, healing*.

### Celebrate and Give Thanks

#### Physical Birthdays:

1/31 Frank Murphy

2/6 Helga Bartel

2/7 Megan Samarin

#### Spiritual Birthdays:

2/1 Mike Coufalik

2/1 Carolyn Potantus

2/4 Carol Dickau

2/7 Regina Mild

2/7 Megan Samarin

## Wedding Anniversaries:

2/6 Edmund & Christl Kissinger (66<sup>th</sup>)

**LORD'S PRAYER:** See back of either hymnal

L: Let us pray:

A: Our Father who art in heaven... *Matt. 6:9-13*

## PRAYER FOR THE WORD:

L: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. ↓

## CLOSING HYMN: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

See the words below TLH 361 / LSB 554

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
    O Conqueror renowned!  
    O Source of peace ineffable,  
    In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,  
    Then truth begins to shine,  
    Then earthly vanity departs,  
    Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,  
    The fount of life and fire,  
    Surpassing all the joys we know,  
    All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,  
    Forever You adore,  
    And, seeking You, itself inflame  
    To seek You more and more!

## BENEDICTION ~ Blessing

*Num. 6:24-26*

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance [face] upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CANDLE EXTINGUISHING and POSTLUDE:

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

## February Newsletter – Available in the Narthex

### Church Directory Information

FINAL PLEA: Fill out a form (*in the narthex*) if you haven't already. If you have no changes, write "no change" on the form. *Thanks! Kathy G*

### Ushers are Needed – Will You Serve?

- If you are willing to serve – talk to **Matt K – Sat, Rand – Sun, sign up – Narthex.**
- Thanks to all currently serving! Willing to continue? Great! If not, please let us know.

### Grief Share Begins – March 3 at 6:30

- Professional, caring, run by BLC members.
- Tuesdays: Arrive between 6:00 and 6:30.
- Opening and 30-minute video, refreshments.
- Group time to listen and/or talk.
- Register – talk to Norma: 216-406-4871

### LENT EVENING MEALS – HELP NEEDED!

Help make the meals happen at 6:00! It's quite simple! *Sign-up in the Narthex:*

- Sign up for one: 2/25, 3/4, 11, 18, & 25.
- Arrive around 5:45 to set out plates, napkins, cups, and pop; make coffee.
- Clean-up area afterward. **THANKS!!!**

**Schedule: 2/1/26 – 2/8/26**

### 2/4 – Wednesday

1:00 – Sisters of Light – Acts Room

### 2/5 – Thursday

10:00 – Living the Lutheran Lectionary

## 2/7 – Saturday

3:00 – Bible Class  
4:00 – Divine Service

## 2/8 – Sunday

9:00 – Divine Service  
10:30 – Bible Class & Sunday School

### **Thanks For Serving on 1/31/26 & 2/1/26**

**Altar Guild:** Nancy B, Heather H

**Saturday:** Organist: Gayle P    Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Acolytes: Carter & Shelby R

Sunday School: Heather H, Harold/Cedrick

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Financial Assistants

### **Thanks For Serving on 2/7/26 & 2/8/26**

**Altar Guild:** Kathy G

**Saturday:** Organist: Gayle P    Usher: Matt K

**Sunday:** Organist: Gayle P

Ushers: Carl B, Michael B

Acolytes: Noah H, Leo J

Sunday School: Angie R, Harold/Cedrick

**Financial Team:** Natalia F, Financial Assistants

### **Numbers From Last Week**

#### **Received God's Gifts – Services:**

- Saturday at 4:00 – Inside: **22**; car: **0**
- Sunday at 9:00 – Inside: **29**; car: **0**

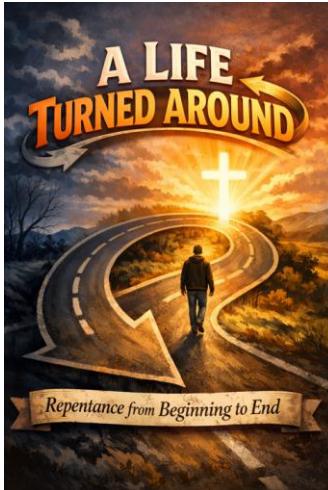
#### **Studied God's Word – Classes:**

- Saturday at 3:00: **12**
- Sunday at 10:30: **21**
- Thursday at 10:00: **9**



#### **Weekly Financial Stewardship:**

- Needed: **6,769**
- Received: **3,852**



### **7-Part Sermon Series**

- 1 – A Life Turned Around (2/14 & 15)
- 2 – Repentance That Saves (2/18)
- 3 – From Death to Life (2/25)
- 4 – When People Refuse to Repent (3/4)
- 5 – Repentance Is a Way of Life (3/11)
- 6 – When God's People Repent (3/18)
- 7 – Bearing Fruit in Repentance (3/25)

### **Connect With Us**

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**Festivals:** Website > Important Links > Festivals

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