

# NARRATIVE LECTIONARY—YEAR 1—WEEK 10



## “THE WHAT & WHERE OF OFFERING”

MERCY, JUSTICE, AND PEACE  
THE PROPHET MICAH

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**THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LITURGY**

A traditional order for worship celebrating the Spiritual Gifts  
that the Holy Spirit gives to His people for serving the Church and the world.

**Anthem**

**My God Is So Great**

**Cherub Choir**

**Opening Hymn**

**To Your Temple, Lord, I Come**

LSB 981 sts. 1-3, 7



1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
7 From Your house when I re - turn, May my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
heart with - in me burn, And at eve - ning



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
let me say, "I have walked with God to - day."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

**Invocation** (Based on the hymn "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602)

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**P:** The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me

**C:** To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!

P: Gifts flow from baptism  
Where He calls us His own;

**C: *There He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;***

P: The triune God Himself  
Gives you power to call Him Lord.

**C: *Amen.***

### ***Confession and Absolution***

P: Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,

**C: *Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed,***

P: We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,

**C: *Setting aside for Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart.***

P: But we confess unto You, Lord, all our sins and iniquities. We acknowledge how we have neglected the gifts you have given to us—our indifference to Your Word and our selfishness in not using our spiritual gifts to serve You and others, and so we confess before You in prayer:

**C: *Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

P: The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;

**C: *The pastor's words are Christ's  
For us to trust and know.***

P: Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us here;

**C: *Blest words that give us life,  
His words, let us now hear.***

P: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen.***

*(Based on the hymns "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service" LSB 848 & "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602, along with collects from LSB)*

**Song of Praise****Alabaré**

LSB 799

*Refrain*

A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.



1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed,  
 2 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
 3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God,



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 Whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.  
 And join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.



Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,  
 Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength  
 Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might



And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.  
 To God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

*Refrain*

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**This Week's Reading****Micah 1:1–5, 8–9; 6:1–8a, 18–20 (VOICE)**

These are the words of the Eternal One and the visions about the two capital cities of Israel and Judah, Samaria and Jerusalem, that were given to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of kings Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah over Judah.

## **Note on the Story**

**(VOICE)**

*The Northern Kingdom of Israel, sometimes called Samaria after its capital city, was conquered by the Assyrian Empire in 722 B.C. The Southern Kingdom of Judah, where Micah lives and speaks, has been spared that fate, but at a high price: the people have lost the power to govern themselves, pay huge tributes to the Assyrians, and allow the corruption of their religious practices because of the Assyrians' influence. All Israelites suffer under these conditions, but Micah's attention is drawn especially to the poor and dispossessed; somehow, as often happens in wartime, rich people manage to get richer while the poor are exploited, and Micah is outraged at the way the rulers of Judah have taken advantage of those who had little—and now have less.*

<sup>3</sup> **Prophet Micah:** Look at this: the Eternal is leaving His home in heaven,  
and He is coming down to walk over the high places of the earth.

<sup>4</sup> The mountains will melt beneath His feet; the valleys will burst open,  
Like wax next to a raging fire, as water pours from the heights.

<sup>5</sup> **Eternal One:** All of this is happening because of the crimes of Jacob,  
the wrongdoings of the people of Israel.

And what is the crime of Jacob? Isn't it Samaria?

And what is the high place of Judah? Isn't it Jerusalem?

<sup>8</sup> **Prophet Micah:** Because of this, I will howl and wail;  
this is why I will go barefoot and naked,  
[This is] why I will scream like the jackals  
and screech like the ostriches as if in mourning.

<sup>9</sup> **Eternal One:** For [Samaria's] wounds cannot be cured;  
and Samaria's transgression has reached Judah.

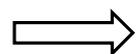
It now has reached the gate [the leaders] of My people, even in Jerusalem.

**Prophet Micah:** Listen to what the Eternal is saying.

*People of Israel, stand up and plead your case to the mountains;  
Let the hills hear what you have to say.*

<sup>2</sup> Listen, jury of mountains, to the complaint of the Eternal One;  
listen, you enduring foundations of the earth,

For [God] brings a charge against His people and argues against Israel.



<sup>3</sup> **Eternal One:** My people, what have I done against you?

How have I made you tired of Me? Answer Me!

<sup>4</sup> I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, paid your ransom,

freed you from that place of slavery,

and sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you.

<sup>5</sup> O My people, remember how King Balak of Moab plotted *against you*,

how Balaam (Beor's son) answered him, *refusing to curse you?*

*Everything happened between Shittim and Gilgal*

*as you took possession of the lands I promised you,*

So that you might remember *all* the saving acts of the Eternal.

<sup>6</sup> **People of Israel:** What should I bring into the presence of the Eternal One  
to pay homage to the God Most High?

Should I come into His presence with burnt offerings,

with year-old calves *to sacrifice?*

<sup>7</sup> Would the Eternal be pleased by thousands of *sacrificial* rams,

by ten thousand *swollen* rivers of *sweet olive* oil?

Should I offer my oldest son for my wrongdoing,

the child of my body to cover the sins of my life?

<sup>8</sup> **Prophet Micah:** No. He has told you, mortals, what is good *in His sight*.

What else does the Eternal ask of you

But to live justly and to love kindness

and to walk with your True God in all humility?

<sup>18</sup>... Is there any other God like You, who forgives evil

and passes over the transgressions done by Yours who remain?

He does not hold onto His anger forever

because He delights in showing love and kindness.

<sup>19</sup> He will take pity on us again, will tread our wrongdoing underfoot.

He will cast all our sins down to the bottom of the sea.

<sup>20</sup> [Eternal One], show Your faithfulness to Jacob

and show Your faithful love to Abraham

As You swore to our ancestors in the days long ago.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper and see You as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Anthem**

**Father, I Adore You**

**Junior Choir**

**Children’s Message**

**Church Imitating Christ**

**Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching** and the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**.<sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.<sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common.<sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, **as any had need**.<sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with **glad and generous hearts**,<sup>47</sup> praising God and having **favor with all the people**. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

P: Bethel as a congregation seeks to be a

C: **Church imitating Christ.**

P: We devote ourselves to living winsomely in Jesus,

C: **reflecting His love, grace, and hope.**

P: We will enjoy the good will of the community

C: **because of the winsomeness of God at work through us.**

P: When we devote ourselves to winsomeness, we are a

C: **Church imitating Christ. Amen.**



**Hymn of the Day**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

LSB 980

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



1 Kneels at the feet of His friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,	Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve;	These are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,	Si - lent - ly wash - ing their



feet,	Mas - ter who pours out Him - self	for them.
race;	Neigh-bors are near - by and far	a - way.
love;	All these are neigh-bors to us	and You.
feet:	This is the way we will live	with You.

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**Sermon**

**“The What & Where of Offering”**

**Micah 6:6-8**

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## Song of Response

## Micah 6:8

He has shown thee, \_\_\_\_\_ O man, \_\_\_\_\_ what is  
good, and what the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ re - quires of thee; \_\_\_\_\_ He has  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
But to do just - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ and to love mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and to walk hum - bly with \_\_\_\_\_ thy God. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second staff has a first ending bracket above it. The third staff has a second ending bracket above it. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## Confession of Faith from 1 Corinthians 12 & 1 Peter 4

P: There are varieties of gifts,

**C: but the same Holy Spirit;**

P: and there are varieties of service,

**C: but the same Lord Jesus;**

P: and there are varieties of activities,

**C: but it is the same God the Father who empowers them all in everyone.**

P: To each disciple is given an expression of the Spirit

**C: for the common good.**

P: Just as the body is one and has many parts,

**C: All the members of the body of Christ are one body.**

P: As each of you has received spiritual gifts,

**C: may we use them to serve one another,**

P: as good stewards of God's varied grace:  
whoever speaks,

**C: speak as one who speaks the Word of God;**

P: whoever serves,

**C: as one who serves by the strength supplied by God**

P: in order that in everything

**C: God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

**To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### Offertory **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized** LSB 596 sts. 1, 6 (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
own vo-ca-tion, Un-til that day when you pos-sess His



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
glo-rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for-ev-er!

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## Prayers

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**All: 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.**

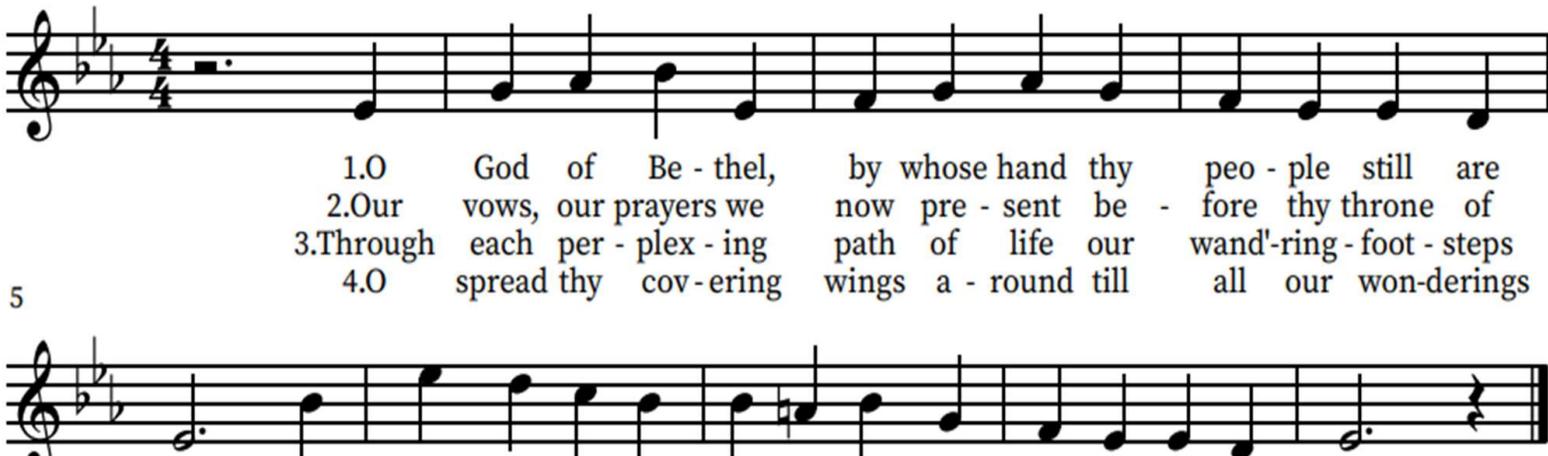
**Benediction (Blessing)** (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: May the holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine  
In You, His people, taught to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From every error may the Lord keep you free;  
Let none but Christ your master be  
That you in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all your might confide.  
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn**      **O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand**      Hymnary.org; tune: LSB 526

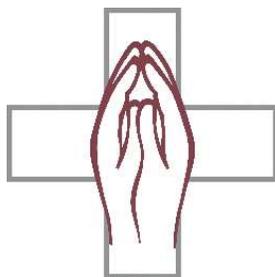
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1.O God of Be - thel, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are  
2.Our vows, our prayers we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of  
3.Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wand'-ring - foot - steps  
4.O spread thy cov - ering wings a - round till all our won - derings

fed, who through this wea - ry pil - gri-mage hast all our fath - ers led.  
grace; God of our fa - thers, be the God of their suc - ceed - ing race.  
guide; give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
cease, and at our Fath - er's love a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace.

**Announcements**



# UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10 -10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM -11:30AM  
VOTERS MEETING NOON

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10 -10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM -11:30AM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10 -10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM -11:30AM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN MAY 26TH. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT [OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG).

