

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*Divine Service- Setting Three*

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Invocation (Please stand)

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

**C** Amen.

**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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



Your lightnings lighted | up the world; \*  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts! \***

**My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.**

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house, \*  
ever sing- | ing your praise!

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere. \***

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God**

than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.\*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

*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.*

Your lightnings lighted | up the world;\*

the earth trem- | bled and shook.

## Kyrie

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 be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

### The Burning Bush

*Exodus 3:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;\***  
**grace is poured up- | on your lips.**

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\***  
**until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more

sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1-9*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

### The Transfiguration

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "**Rise, and have no fear.**" <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "**Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.**"

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

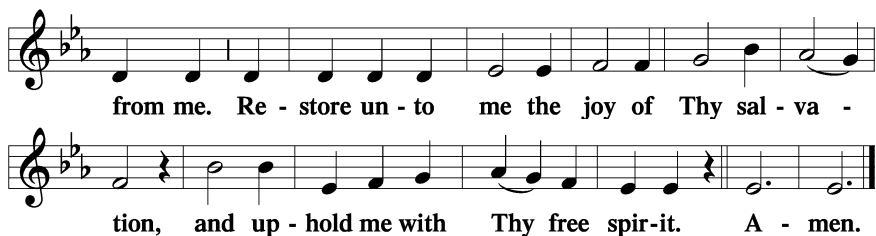
Hymn of the Day

#413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Sermon

Offertory

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



## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

### **We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing:**

*Brian Scheumann (hip surgery)*

*Bruce Thorpe, Lee Braselton*

*Rev. David Seeger (car accident)*

*Joyce Schaper, Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)*

*Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkleys battling cancer)*

*Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold*

### **We pray for our members shut-in:**

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

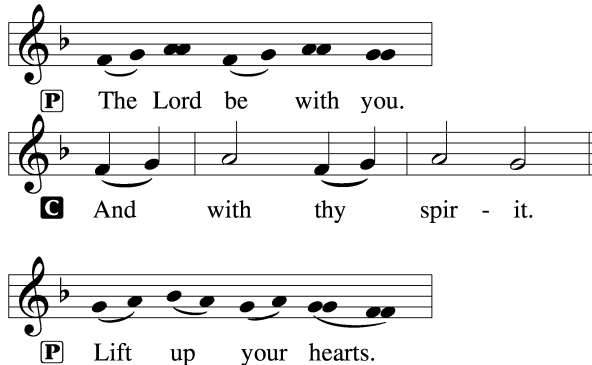
### **We pray for our schools**

### **We pray for our Church and all her workers**

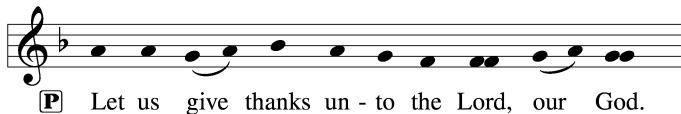
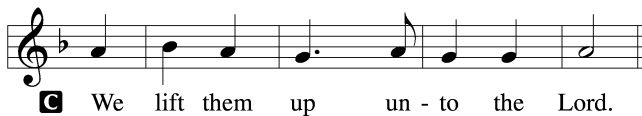
### **We pray for all military personnel**

# Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

## Preface



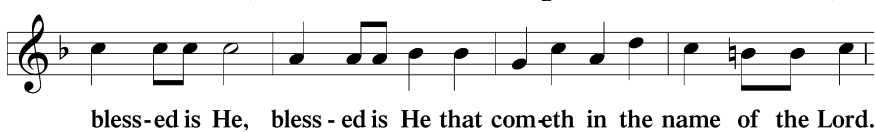
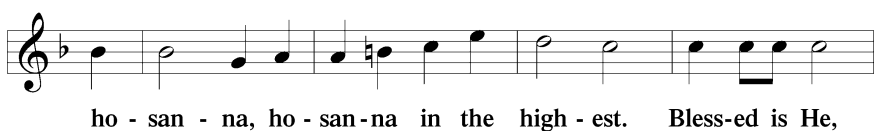
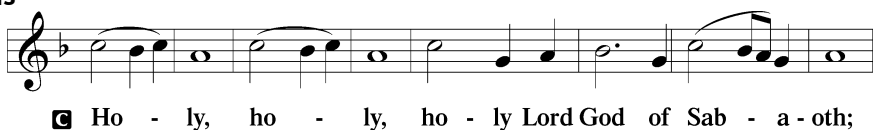




### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus



### Lord's Prayer

**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**



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

### **Agnus Dei**



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.

## 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.**

## Distribution Hymns

**#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

**#620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing**

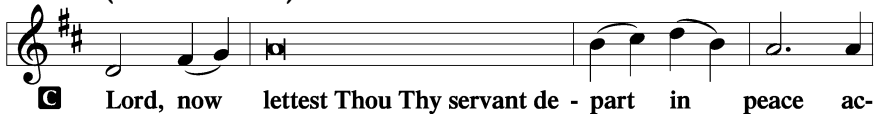
**#415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak**

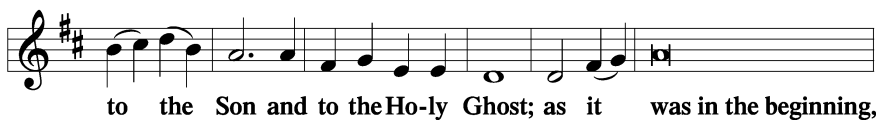
**#396 Arise and Shine in Splendor**

**#402 The Only Son from Heaven**

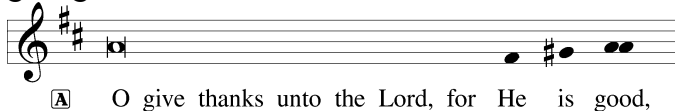
**#534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)





### Thanksgiving



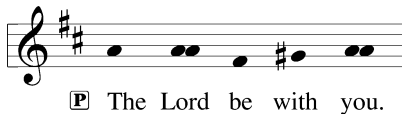
### Post-Communion Collect

**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.



### Salutation



## Benedicamus

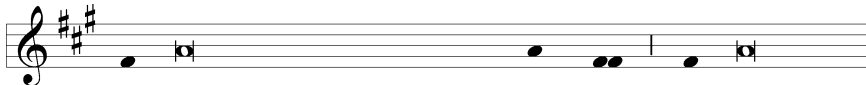


**A** Bless we the Lord.

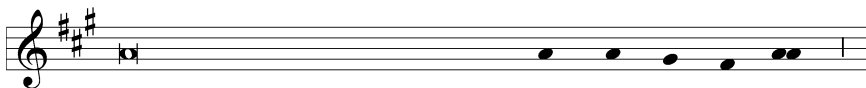


**C** Thanks be to God.

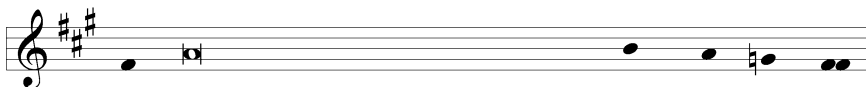
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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

## Closing Hymn

## #417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching / Celebrant</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
<b>Fieldworkers</b>	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Glen Werling
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Bruce Werling and Glen Werling
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Organist</b>	Emilie Meyer
<b>Acolyte</b>	Molly Mishler and Breanna Biggs
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
<b>Ushers</b>	Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless Darren Patrick, Mark Patrick, Cole Patrick

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	2:00 p.m.	Painting Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:30 p.m.	Public School Catechesis
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Brief Spoken Divine Service</b>
		Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00 p.m.	Blanket sewing
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
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**WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning** to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor's card from the pew and place in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

**THANK YOU** from Delores Scheumann for all the beautiful cards I received on my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Also wish to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, calls and gifts that I received. You are my wonderful Bethlehem family. God's blessings to all of you.

**THANK YOU** - "Saints of Bethlehem, we just want to say thank you for all the generous gifts and Christmas cards. We are so thankful for all the support while we are here at Bethlehem. -Seminarian Morgan Phillips and Amelia Phillips"

**CARD SHOWER** – Please help us celebrate Joyce Schaper's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 1<sup>st</sup> with a card shower. Her address is 5941 E 900 N Ossian, IN 46777

**SUPER BOWL SUBS** are now available to order. 12" deluxe subs can be purchased for \$11.00 each to support The Bethlehem Scholarship Fund. Order forms are in the bulletin today. Please give your orders to Denise Schumm or Tisha Laley (a table will be set up in the foyer), or put your orders in the envelope in the church office. You can also order by phone at 260-301-4342.

**BLANKET SEWING** – Anyone interested in making lap blankets is welcome to join un on Thursday's beginning at 1:00 pm. Please plan to come on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Pat Krumma or Dalene Springer if you have any questions.

**WOMEN'S GROUP SPONSORED BOOK CLUB:** If you like murder mysteries you're in for a treat! Join us for a thrilling book club adventure reading "Murder at the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie. We will have a group message going throughout the book for comments and questions then meet in person at Crimson House on Saturday March 4. (anyone can join) Contact Deaconess Boehm if you have any questions.

**Bethlehem Ladies' Aid Society will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary** on Sunday, February 26th. If there is anyone who has historical items that could be used for that day, please contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm. Examples of items: past ornaments, pictures, pins, crafts, quilts, etc.

We will be having an **ALL women meeting** on February 5th after Sunday School at 11:30 in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing the Ladies Aid 100th Anniversary and other upcoming events. Please plan to attend!

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been blessed with a women's group for (almost) 100 years!** When Ladies Aid first started, they were called "Frauen Verein" which means Ladies Aid in German. This was the common language until 1935 when the name changed to "Bethlehem Ladies Aid Society". Moving forward, we are changing the name to better incorporate all women of the church. In honor of the 100th anniversary coming up on February 26th, we will be unveiling the new name and color choice. All women can vote one time. Here is the link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/zJm4SkUgDL4Tu3Zv5>

**SCRIP** Thank you for supporting the scrip program. For questions or to place an order, please call or text Melissa Price at 260-433-5307.

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121. <https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream*

### **Offering January 22, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$5,743.54
Synod	41.00
Loose	181.50
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	44.85
Endowment Fund	200.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	10.25
Total	<u>\$6,221.14</u>

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance \$22,060.28</b>
Next week bills due: \$14,000
Bills due two weeks: \$5,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$29,848.47</b>
Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Operating Loan Debt: PAID

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	156/130
Wednesday	8/5



## RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM AND HOME

*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.

*A hymn may be sung.*

*Recite Together:*

*The Ten Commandments*

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*The Apostle's Creed*

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.*

*Scripture Reading and/or Devotion Lesson*

*Prayers and Intercessions*

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.

**Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.**

*What is the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

**The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

*How is God's will done?*

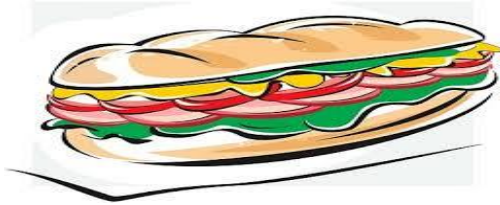
**God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

*What is John 6:40?*

**For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:40**

# **SUPER BOWL SUB SANDWICHES**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**



\_\_\_\_\_ **# 12" DELUXE SUB**

**(Ham, Bologna, Salami, Swiss & American Cheese,  
Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, and Green Peppers)**

**Cost \$11.00**

**Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Paid**\_\_\_\_\_

**Profits go to Bethlehem Scholarship Fund**

**Please have your orders in by Sunday, February 6**

**Make checks payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**Orders can be placed in an envelope in the Church office,  
given to Tisha Laley or Denise Schumm, or text/call 260-301-4342**

**Orders may be picked up or brought out to your car at the gym  
entrance from 10:15 am - 11:30 am**