

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Quinquagesima*

*Divine Service- Setting Three*

February 19, 2023

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Opening Hymn

#819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

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 with the choir)



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*

a strong fortress to | save me!

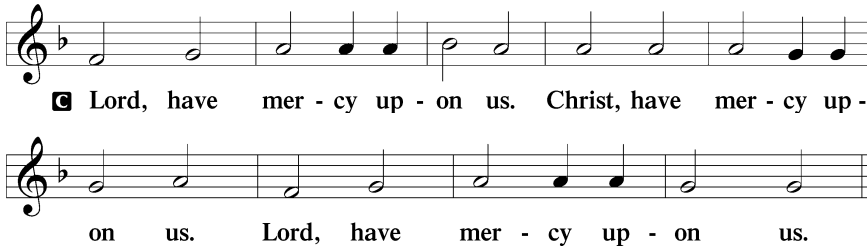
**For you are my rock and my | fortress;\***

**and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\*

in your righteousness de- | liver me!  
**Into your hand I commit my | spirit;\***  
**you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.**  
 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;\*,  
 my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.  
**Make your face shine on your | servant;\***  
**save me in your | steadfast love!**  
*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.*  
 Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,\*,  
 a strong fortress to | save me!  
**For you are my rock and my | fortress;\***  
**and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.**

## Kyrie



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 35:3–7*

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
“Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God  
will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you.”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (sung by the choir)

You are the God who works | wonders,\*  
you have made known your might among the | peoples.  
You with your arm redeemed your | people,\*  
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

## Choral Response “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 13:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for

prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.<sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part,<sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.<sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.<sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Tract

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\***

**Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!**

**Know that the LORD, | he is God!\***

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 18:31–43*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



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

<sup>31</sup>Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “**See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.**”<sup>32</sup>**For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.** <sup>33</sup>**And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.**”<sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.<sup>35</sup>As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup>They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”<sup>38</sup>And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>39</sup>And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>40</sup>And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup>**“What do you want me to do for you?”** He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.”<sup>42</sup>And Jesus said to him, **“Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”**<sup>43</sup>And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**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

#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Sermon

Offertory



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 -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Makayla Berkey (3<sup>rd</sup> grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma)*

*Paul Meier, Lee Braselton, Rev. David Seeger*

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

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

*Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold*

### **We pray for comfort:** *Family and friends of Bruce Thorpe*

### **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**

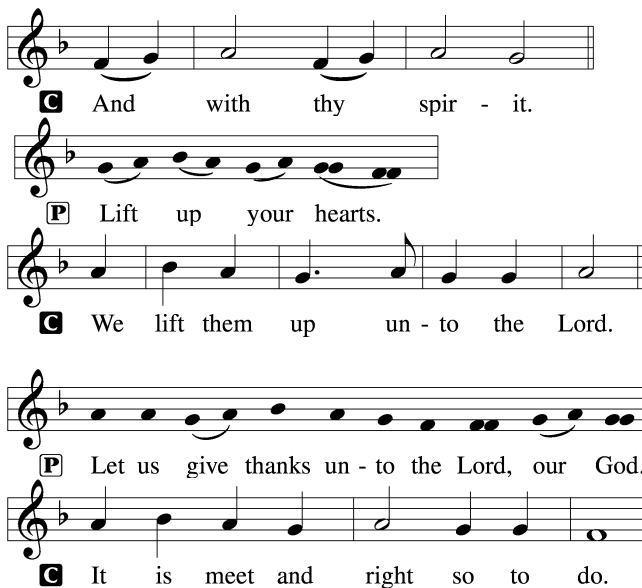
### **We pray for our Church and all her workers**

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

# Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

## Preface

**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.

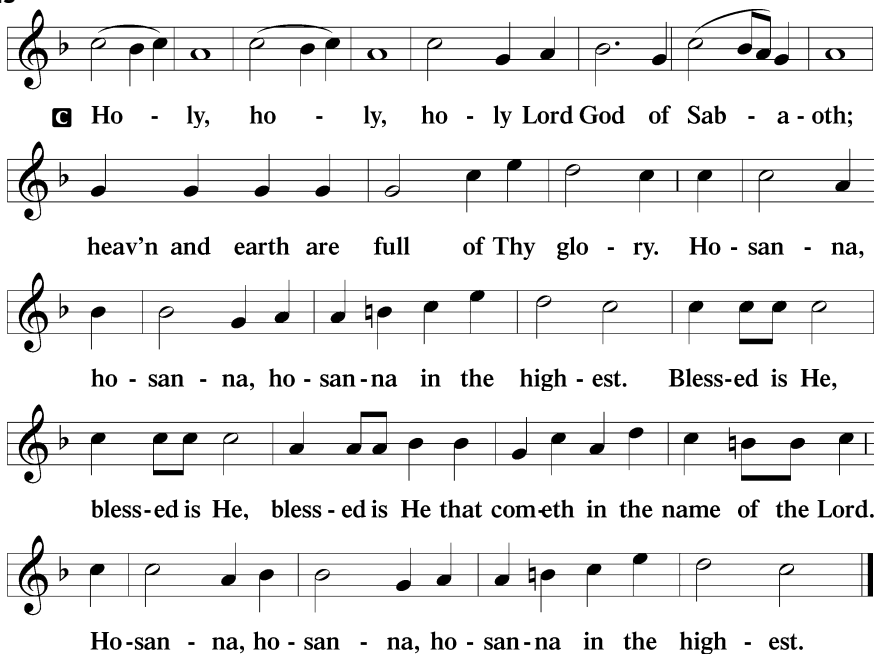
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

### Sanctus



**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.



## 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.



**C** 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.**



## 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

- #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
- #625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread
- #744 Amazing Grace
- #545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth
- #551 When to Our World the Savior Came
- #571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



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

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

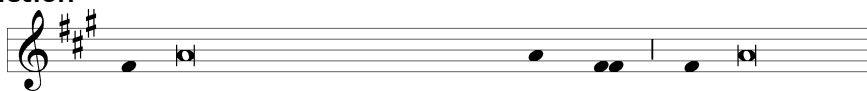
## Benedicamus

**A** Bless we the Lord.

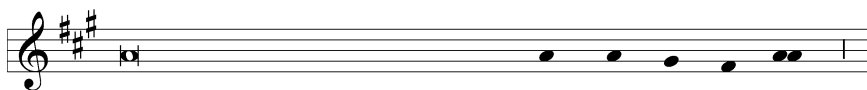


**C** Thanks be to God.

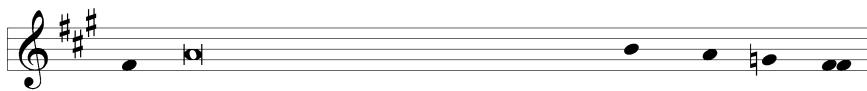
## Benediction



**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

## #923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

## IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choirs	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Cole Louison
	Peyton Laley, Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick, Dean Scheumann

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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)
<b>MONDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	
	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>5:30-6:00</b>	<b>Individual Confession and Absolution</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Divine Service</b>
<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>
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

*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

**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.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 pm. Also, anyone is invited to attend the morning Chapel Service at 10:15 am which will also have Imposition of Ashes.

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** - Beginning this Wednesday and for all the Wednesdays of Lent Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution (LSB page 292) from 5:30-6:00 in the sanctuary of Bethlehem for those who would desire this as part of the Lenten devotions. As with the rite of Confession and Absolution that begins each of our Sunday services, the rite for individuals is yet another opportunity for us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness from Christ through the pastor. Every sin does not need to be listed nor do any particular sins need to be named. But for those sins "which we know and feel in our hearts" (Small Catechism) this is a wonderful opportunity to hear and receive the comforting forgiveness of Christ. Pastor will never speak of the sins confessed as he vowed in his ordination. He is happy to familiarize you with the rite either before Wednesday or when you come in. He is also available at other times by appointment. If you have questions, reach out to him.

**CARD SHOWER** – Please help us celebrate Hildegarde Bauermeister's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 24<sup>th</sup> with a card shower. Her address is 8075 N 750 E Ossian, IN 46777

**The Ladies Aid will have a Soup and Bake Sale** TODAY, Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Fish Fry Committee meeting on Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m.** in the church fellowship hall. Anyone wanting to help with planning this event please feel free to attend. Any questions, please contact Kathy Nahrwold @ 260-705-6257.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** – Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am. Approval of Slate of Candidates will be on the agenda.

**PORK CHOP DINNER** – The 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Group will be selling Pork Chop tickets for Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will begin selling tickets TODAY. The cost is \$11.00 per meal and includes an Ossian Meats Smoked Pork Chop, baked potato, applesauce, roll and cookie. Thank you so much for your support!

**BETHLEHEM LADIES' AID SOCIETY WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH.**

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 **SUNDAY, February 26th**, we will be unveiling the new name and color choice. 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.

**ALTAR GUILD**--Please consider preparing the altar for services. We need volunteers for March and April. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board or contact Amy Schueler or Tisha Laley.

**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.

**SPRING CLEANING**--The Bethlehem Youth Group is volunteering to help our members with any outdoor spring cleaning. If you or someone you know is needing help with any outdoor projects, please let the youth know by signing up on the bulletin board. Additional helping hands may be needed for some of these projects so if you'd like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet also posted. Contact Deaconess Boehm if you have any questions.

**BETHLEHEM VBS 2023** is scheduled for June 26-29 from 9am – noon here at Bethlehem. For those interested in registering their child or volunteering for this event, please see the registration forms on the table located in the hallway or go to [bethlehemossian.org/vbs](http://bethlehemossian.org/vbs).

**THE DECATUR CIRCUIT MEN'S SOFTBALL** is having a league reunion on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm at the basement of the Hoagland Hayloft. Any former player is welcome and please pass the news of the event on to anyone who has played in the past.

**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.

**Offering February 19, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$7,850.34
Synod	42.00
Loose	328.38
Scholarship Fund	150.00
Improvement Fund	41.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	<u>15.38</u>
Total	\$8,452.10

**Financial Report****Home Fund Balance \$16,996.85**

Next week bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$20,000

**Savings Account Balance \$31,140.53**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: PAID

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 173/123

Wednesday 22/17

March Newsletter items are now due.



## 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 Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

**God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

*What is James 1:13-14?*

**Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He Himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. James 1:13-14**

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

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

*What is 2 Thessalonians 3:3?*

**But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3**