

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



First Sunday in Lent

“Invocabit”

Divine Service- Setting One

February 26, 2023

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively)



When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*

I will rescue him and | honor him.

With long life I will sat- | isfy him*

and show him my sal- | vation.

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*

will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my | refuge—

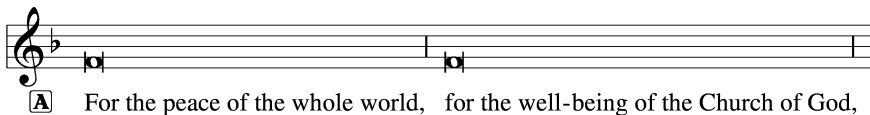
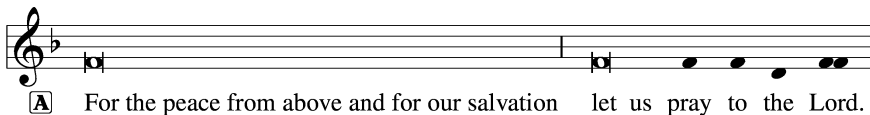
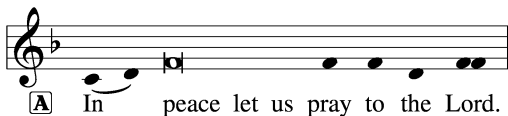
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*

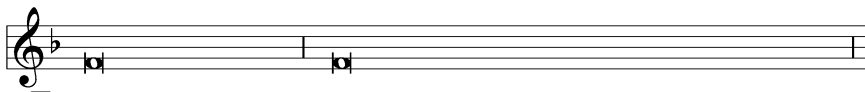
no plague come | near your tent.

You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*

the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
*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.
 When he calls to me, I will | answer him;*
 I will rescue him and | honor him.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Kyrie





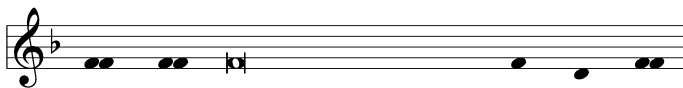
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

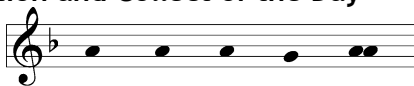


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

The Fall

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”
²And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”
⁴But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”
¹⁰And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”
¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”
¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,

‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

²⁰The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
On their hands they will | bear you up, *
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14–16

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Tract

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
He will cover you with his | pinions, *
and under his wings you will find | refuge.
When he calls to me, I will | answer him; *
I will be with him in | trouble.
With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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



The Temptation of Jesus

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “**It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”**” ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ⁷Jesus said to him, “**Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “**Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”**” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Makayla Berkey (3rd grade student diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma)

Paul Meyer, Lee Braselton, Rev. David Seeger

Deanna Sinn (daughter of Imogene Bultemeier)

Vicki Tomlinson (friend of the Brinkeleys battling cancer)

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwald

We give thanks for 100 years of Ladies Aid Society and their mission to our church

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

Offering

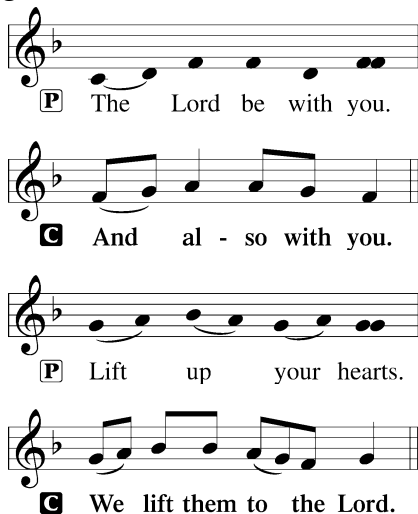
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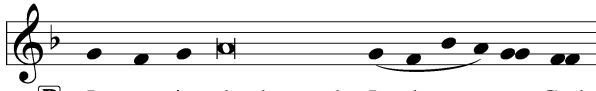
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

Preface



P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

C 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.

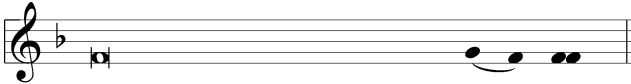
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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.

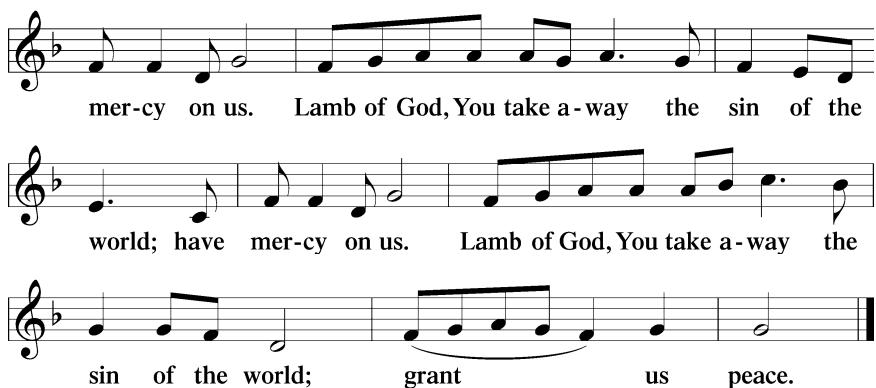


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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

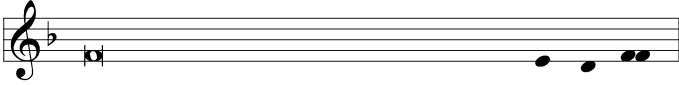
#627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
#628 Your Table I Approach
#424 O Christ, You Walked the Road
#773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray
#594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
#659 Lord of Our Life

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#544 O Love, How Deep



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.

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

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
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	MacKenzie Price and Rachel Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher
	Don Schueler, Ben Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	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)
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner
	5:30-6:00	Individual Confession and Absolution
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Lenten Service
		Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket sewing
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	10:30-12:30 p.m.	Pork Chop Carry-out Dinner
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

BETHLEHEM LADIES' AID SOCIETY IS CELEBRATING THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY TODAY.

Please join us for a presentation along with cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall after the service. We will be unveiling the new name and color choice. A gathering of Ladies Aid history will also be on display.

FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness of all the blessings The Ladies Aid Society has given to Bethlehem in the last 100 years.

THE BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE QUILT hanging in the hallway has been given to the glory of God and to Bethlehem by the Ladies Aid Society in celebration of their 100th Anniversary. Thank you to our quilting committee, Dalene Springer, Linda Bultemeier and Pat Krumma.

THE NEW ADVENT CANDELABRA displayed in the narthex is given to the glory of God and to Bethlehem Lutheran Church by the Ladies Aid Society in honor of their 100th Anniversary.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SEASON OF LENTEN SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to join us for Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesday's March 1-29th beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, feel free to attend the morning Chapel Service at 10:15 am. The Bethlehem Youth Group will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. The menu for March 1st is Goulash, Caesar Salad and dessert.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION - 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY, February 26th at 11:15 am. Approval of Slate of Candidates will be on the agenda.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS – Pre-orders are now being taken for Easter flowers. Please see the inserted order form in today's bulletin to place your orders BY MARCH 5TH.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated food or helped with Bruce Thorpe's funeral last Saturday. It is such a joy to have our members working together on these projects. The funeral committee.

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

PORK CHOP DINNER – The 6th -8th grade Washington DC Group are still selling Pork Chop tickets for Sunday, March 5th. 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!

THE WASHINGTON DC GROUP is still collecting aluminum cans to recycle towards their trip. Don Schueler is getting ready to turn a truck load in soon. There is a green trash receptacle at the gym entrance for small loads. For larger loads, please contact the school or Don Schueler for pick up. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR – The school will be holding a Social Studies Fair on Friday, March 10th in the gym beginning at 6:00 pm. Congregational members are invited to attend and see what the school students are doing.

FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN -Monday, February 27th, the Friends of Wyneken will host its final presentation on the history of the LCMS, focused on the synod's schools, colleges, and seminaries. Special focus will be given to the schools and higher education institutions in and around Fort Wayne. The presentation will be held in the fellowship hall of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Soest. Doors will open at 6 pm and the presentation will begin at 6:30. Light refreshments will be served.

THE DECATUR CIRCUIT MEN'S SOFTBALL is having a league reunion on Sunday, March 12th 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.	\$8,461.00
Synod	177.00
Loose	216.58
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	100.00
Endowment Fund Mem.	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	7.56
Memorials	290.00
School Tuition	<u>2,493.85</u>
Total	\$11,770.99

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$5,571.82
Next week bills due:	\$20000
Bills due two weeks:	\$6,000
Savings Account Balance	\$31,246.38
Borrowed from Savings:	PAID
Operating Loan Debt:	PAID

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	180/136
Wednesday	100/77

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 Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer?

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.

Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

What is 2 Corinthians 1:20?

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20