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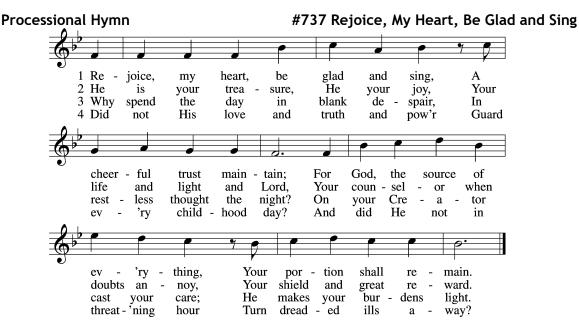
A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Divine Service One April 30, 2023 Vol. 125-22



- He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;
 And all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.
- His wisdom never plans in vain
 Nor falters nor mistakes.

 All that His counsels may ordain
 A blessèd ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
 And trust His guiding love;
 Then like a rock your peace shall stand
 Here and in heav'n above.

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Rite of Holy Baptism

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- **P** How are you named?
- R Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips
- **P** <u>Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips</u>, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your

 → forehead and upon your

 → heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold <u>Kelsey</u> according to Your boundless mercy and bless <u>him</u> with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in <u>him</u>, which has been inherited from Adam and which <u>[he himself]</u> committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that <u>[he]</u> be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, <u>[he]</u> would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

© 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 Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.
- C Amen.
- [Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips], do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes. I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe 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?
- **R** Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** [Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.
- **P** <u>Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.
- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

Introit (sung responsively)



Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living*

and has not let our | feet slip.

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.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Kyrie



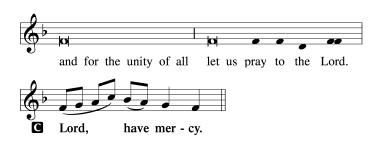


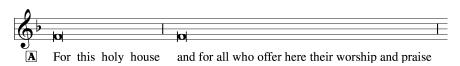
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,











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

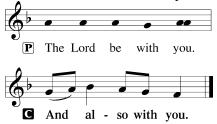


This Is the Feast





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle 1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Hymn

#459 Christ Is Arisen

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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

#483 With High Delight Let Us Unite

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)

Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold

Baptismal blessing: Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips

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

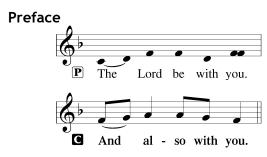
We pray for our Church and all her workers

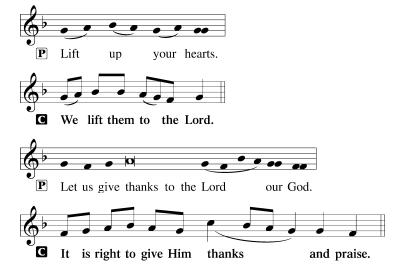
We pray for all military personnel

Offering



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Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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





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.

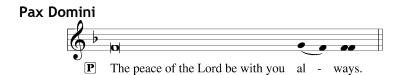
Lord's Prayer

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

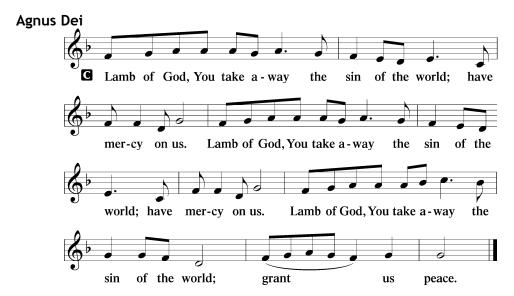
The Words of Our Lord

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 Hobody, 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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."







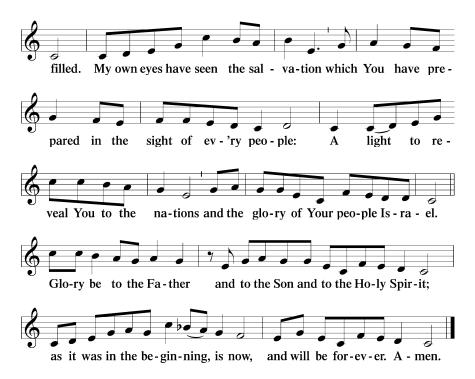
Distribution

<u>Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper</u> 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

#625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior #559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion #670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious





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.



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.



Closing Hymn

#733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

<u>WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning</u> 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 it 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/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian 9:00 a.m. Livestream

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworkers	Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Crucifer	Luke Harkless
Acolyte	Breanna Biggs
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Rory Geiger, Mike Nahrwold, Troy Smith
Trent Bultemeier	, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Steve Conrad, Jacob Werling

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595	
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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526	
Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org		

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion		
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School		
	11:15 a.m.	Voter's Assembly Meeting		
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)		
MONDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting		
WEDNESDAY	10:15 a.m.	Chapel Service		
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechesis		
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service		
Adult Choir Practice				
THURSDAY	1:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing		
SATURDAY	8:30 a.m.	5K Run/Walk Event (Ossian)		
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion		
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School		
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting		
	11:15 a.m.	Bethlehem Womens Group Meeting		
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)		

<u>VICARAGE / CALL PLACEMENT</u> – Congratulations and God's blessing to Sem. Isaac Spangler and his family receiving his Vicarage Assignment to Catalina Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizonal. Congratulations to Nicholas Gapski and family receiving a call to serve at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Detroit Michigan.

In appreciation of our Fieldworkers, there is plaque hanging in the church sanctuary which has been updated.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – TODAY, APRIL 30TH AT 11:15 A.M.

Voting for 2023 Church Officers. Please plan to attend.

<u>BAPTIZED TODAY –</u> into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is Kelsey Donald Allan Phillips, newborn son of Sem. Morgan and Mrs. Amelia Phillips. Sponsors for Kelsey are as follows: (in attendance) Josh and Rachel Gerken, Carson Phillips, and Kyle Wilshusen. (not attending) Caleb Schlichting and Ashley and Aaron Wenzel. We welcome Kelsey to the Kingdom of God and joint heir of all God's blessings.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM There will be an all women meeting on Sunday, May 7th after Sunday School to talk about the last couple of months and discuss texting options, summer trip, and other ideas going forward. Please plan to attend.

During the month of May, the Women of Bethlehem LWML will be collecting Gifts from the Heart for Phil's Friends, Orphan Grain Train, Most Ministries, and gift cards for A Place of Refuge. A list of items needed can be found in the May church newsletter. Gift cards can be placed in the LWML mailbox located in Heidi's church office. Thank you!

TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, May 7th with special appreciation to Mr. Meyer for 25th years of teaching and to Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Buchinger for coming out of retirement to help fill in this year. Everyone is invited to a brunch/reception following the church service in the Fellowship Hall.

ARMED FORCES SUNDAY – In honor of our service men and women, we would like to display past and current military members from Bethlehem who have served, on our military bulletin board. If you could please provide the first name, middle initial, last name, rank and years of service to Melissa Tolson or Deaconess Wendy Boehm asap. Thank you

MOTHERS DAY May 14th - Right to Life of Northeast Indiana is providing carnations after church for a donation. This project celebrates the important role of mothers and supports the lifesaving work of Right to Life. We appreciate your support and commitment to LIFE.

Bethlehem Women's Group summer 2023 trip, Monday, June 12th. It is an all-day coach bus trip to the The Ark in Kentucky. We will leave Walmart, Decatur parking lot at 7:00 am and return to the same area at 9:00 pm. The cost is \$89.00 for adults and seniors which covers the cost of admission and coach ride. Meals are not included. The reservations are open to all members, including men, and children. *The bus is almost full so make your reservations TODAY*. Call Joellen Meyer 260-273-9114 or Patty Baker 260-760-6056.

PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT for MaKayla Berkey and her family (student at Bethlehem with cancer). The Women of Bethlehem will be sponsoring a 5K walk/run on Saturday, May 6th at the Archbold-Wilson Park in Ossian. Registration begins at 8:30am with the event starting at 9:00am. Cost is \$20 entry fee or \$25 day of the race for adults, K-8 students \$10, Preschool and under are free. Everyone is welcome to participate! Registration is available online on Bethlehem's website (https://www.bethlehemossian.org/5-k) or by calling Ronda Flesch (260) 438-9725 or Kathy Nahrwold (260) 705-6527. If you can't come to the event, please prayerfully consider a donation of support. Thank you

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.

SPRING CLEANING-The Bethlehem Youth Group is volunteering to help our members with any outdoor spring cleaning. If you or someone you know needs 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.

Offering April 23,	2023	Financial Report
Average weekly need	\$11,342	Home Fund Balance (\$14,878.80)
Home Fund Env.	\$5,975.69	Next week bills due: \$16,000
Synod	23.83	Bills due two weeks: \$14,000
Loose	262.42	Savings Account Balance \$33,169.44
Scholarship Fund		Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Improvement Fund	45.85	Operating Loan Debt: \$4,000
Endowment Fund	200.00	
Music Fund		
Sound System/Video)	Church/Communion Attendance
Sunday School	4.00	Sunday 180/141
Tuition	375.00	Wednesday 13/8
Total	\$6 886 79	

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.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.