

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*First Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service Three*

June 11, 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** 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. 183

## Introit (sung responsively)



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love; \*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

**I will sing | to the LORD, \***  
**because he has dealt bountifully | with me.**

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever? \*

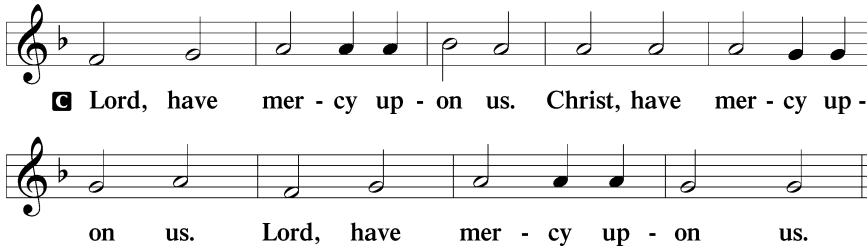
How long will you hide your | face from me?

**How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the day? \***

**How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?**


Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
 light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,  
**lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed | over him,”\***  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**  
*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.*  
 [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
 my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
**I will sing | to the LORD,\***  
**because he has dealt bountifully | with me.**

## 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.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

### God's Covenant with Abram

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

I said, “O LORD, be gra- | cious to me; \*  
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!”  
Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor! \*  
In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19–31

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



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

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

#768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

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  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Delores Scheumann, Margaret Whitesel*

*Bill Gephart (Clara Conrad's brother inlaw)*

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

*Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*Joellen Meyer, David Nahrwold*

**In Time of Sorrow** *Family and friends of Ruth Metzger (sister of Martha Bauermeister)*

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

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

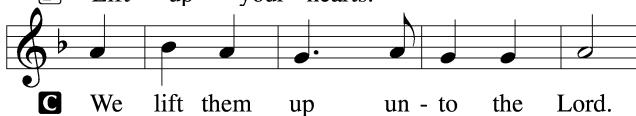
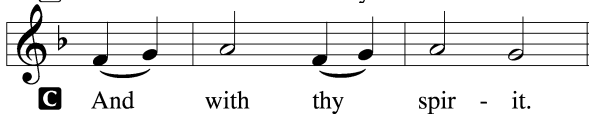
### **We pray for our schools**

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

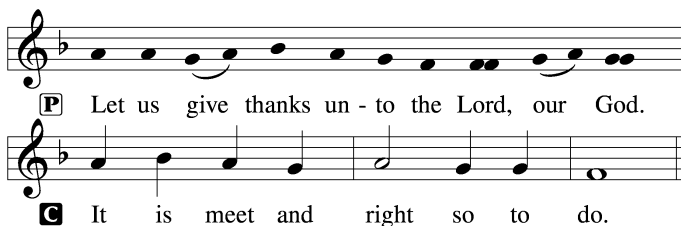
### **We pray for all military personnel**

# Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

## Preface







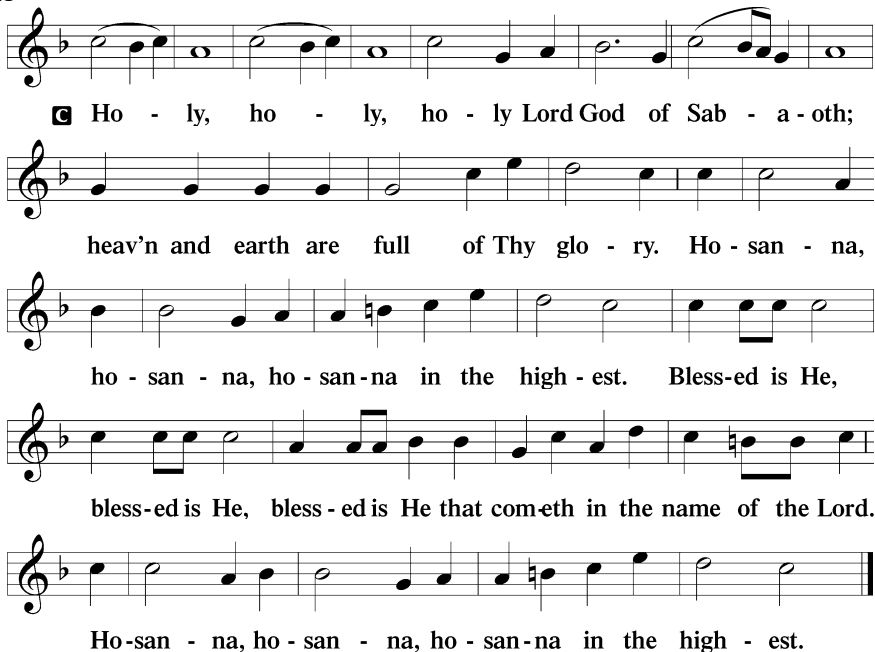
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**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

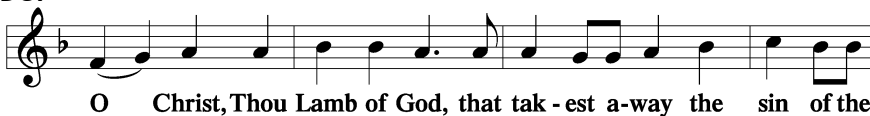


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** 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

**#637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

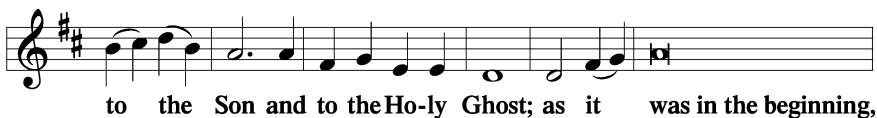
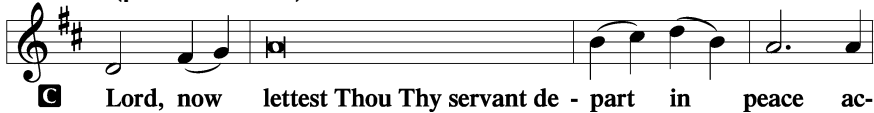
**#641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

**#700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**#848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

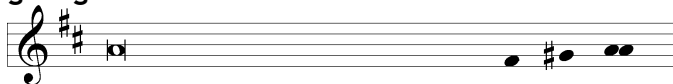
**#728 How Firm a Foundation**

## Nunc Dimittis (please stand)

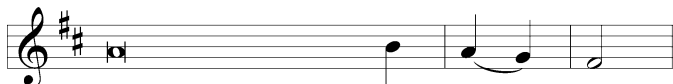




## Thanksgiving



**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.

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.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

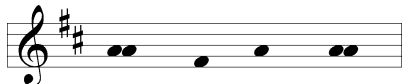


**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

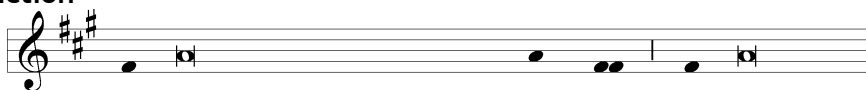


**A** Bless we the Lord.

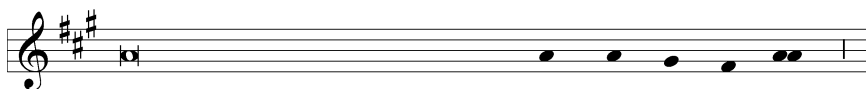


**C** Thanks be to God.

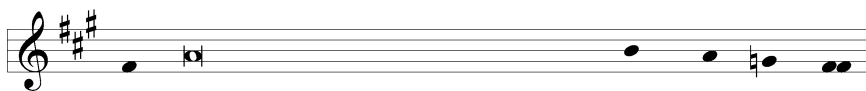
## Benediction



**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

## #708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching and Celebrant**

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

**Fieldworkers**

Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips

**Deaconess**

Wendy Boehm

**Head Elder**

Lloyd Meyer

**Elders on Duty**

Lloyd Meyer and Dave Flesch

**Kantor**

Richard Brinkley

**Organist**

Sem. Morgan Phillips

**Acolyte**

Elders

**Altar Guild Chairman**

Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley

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Website for Church and School: [www.BethlehemOssian.org](http://www.BethlehemOssian.org)

**TODAY**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**

10:15 a.m. Family Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

**MONDAY**

Ark Bus Trip – Women of Bethlehem sponsored

**WEDNESDAY**

**NO Spoken Divine Service**

**THURSDAY**

9:00 a.m. Blanket Sewing

**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**

NO Family Bible Class

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 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.

**PASTOR'S CALENDAR** – Pastor Wirgau and his family are on vacation until June 19<sup>th</sup>. If pastoral care is needed during that time, please contact our Head Elder, Lloyd Meyer at 260-273-1220

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Throughout the summer, the children are welcome to join us in a family style Bible Study. We will be studying Lutheran Hymnody with a video and discussion. Please join us.

**THANK YOU** - My heartfelt thanks goes out to all of my church family for the continued prayers, visits, cards and calls. I am very blessed to be a part of such a caring community. You are in my prayers daily. God's blessing to all, Imogene Bultemeier

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**  
*The August 2023-July 2024 Proposed Budget for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School is now posted on the bulletin boards near the church entrances for your reference.*

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> after Family Bible Class.**

**WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM BAKE SALE -TODAY** following the church service.

**Update:** Zachary Bultemeier is completing his first year of the Specific Ministry Pastor program at Concordia St. Louis. He is serving as SMP Vicar of Worship and Administration at Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA where he will continue to serve at the completion of the program.

**Indiana District LWML Treatshop** will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Tipton, IN on August 12. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

**New and used bedsheets (any size) are needed** for the Decatur Zone LWML Workshop at St. John Bingen on Saturday, September 16. Everyone is invited to sew cancer pads for Cancer Services of NE Indiana. Your donation of sheets can be placed in the green bin in the church hallway. Thank you.

**Bethlehem Lutheran School will be hosting a CPR/First Aid class on Tues, June 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. We have room for 10 more individuals if you are interested. Cost is \$65 per adult and needs to be RSVP'd by TODAY to the school office or Pastor Dodgers

**ALTAR GUILD IS NEEDED IN JULY** – The month of July is still open. Please consider setting up the altar for the month or a couple of weeks. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, or you can contact Tisha Laley or Amy Schueler. Thank you

**NEW FLOORS FOR THE KINDERGARTEN AND THE LIBRARY**

The Kindergarten classroom and Library are switching this summer. This new arrangement provides a larger room for our growing Kindergarten class and gives the Library a more central position in our school. There is also the benefit of the Kindergarten and 1-2 Grade Rooms being connected. Some improvements for these rooms are being planned for the future, but a big part of Phase 1 in this plan is new flooring for both rooms. It makes sense to do this part now during the room switch. New carpet squares are being purchased for both rooms (matching the carpet squares in the school basement). The total cost for both rooms is about \$8,000. Would you be willing to donate to this project and help offset the cost? If so, please designate your offering to “School Improvement Phase I.” Your school will greatly appreciate it as we get ready for another blessed year of teaching God's children.

**LUTHERAN NIGHT at the TinCaps – Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>** – Post-game fireworks and Family Feast Night. Hot dogs, pizza slices, popcorn and soft drinks are all \$2. More information is posted to the bulletin board. In addition to discounted tickets, \$1 from each ticket will be shared with Lutheran Life Villages in support of their Employee Assistance Program.

**Offering June 4, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$5,873.89
Synod	35.00
Loose	257.00
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	90.00
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Total	<u>\$6,255.89</u>

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance (\$403.00)</b>
Next week bills due: \$6,000
Bills due two weeks: \$14,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$42,426.85</b>
Borrowed from Savings: PAID
Operating Loan Debt: \$28,000

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	115/108
Wednesday	12/10

**The following information for the Endowment Fund is accurate as of April 30, 2023:**

\$205,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009  
 192,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched  
 230,111.88 - Amount generated since 2009  
-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009  
 \$524,422.70 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of April 30, 2023



# 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.

**Having gone through Luther's Small Catechism we will spend some time learning-by-heart some hymns of the Church.**

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

*"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" – Lutheran Service Book 498/499 (stz. 7)*

**(7) Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!  
Amen.**