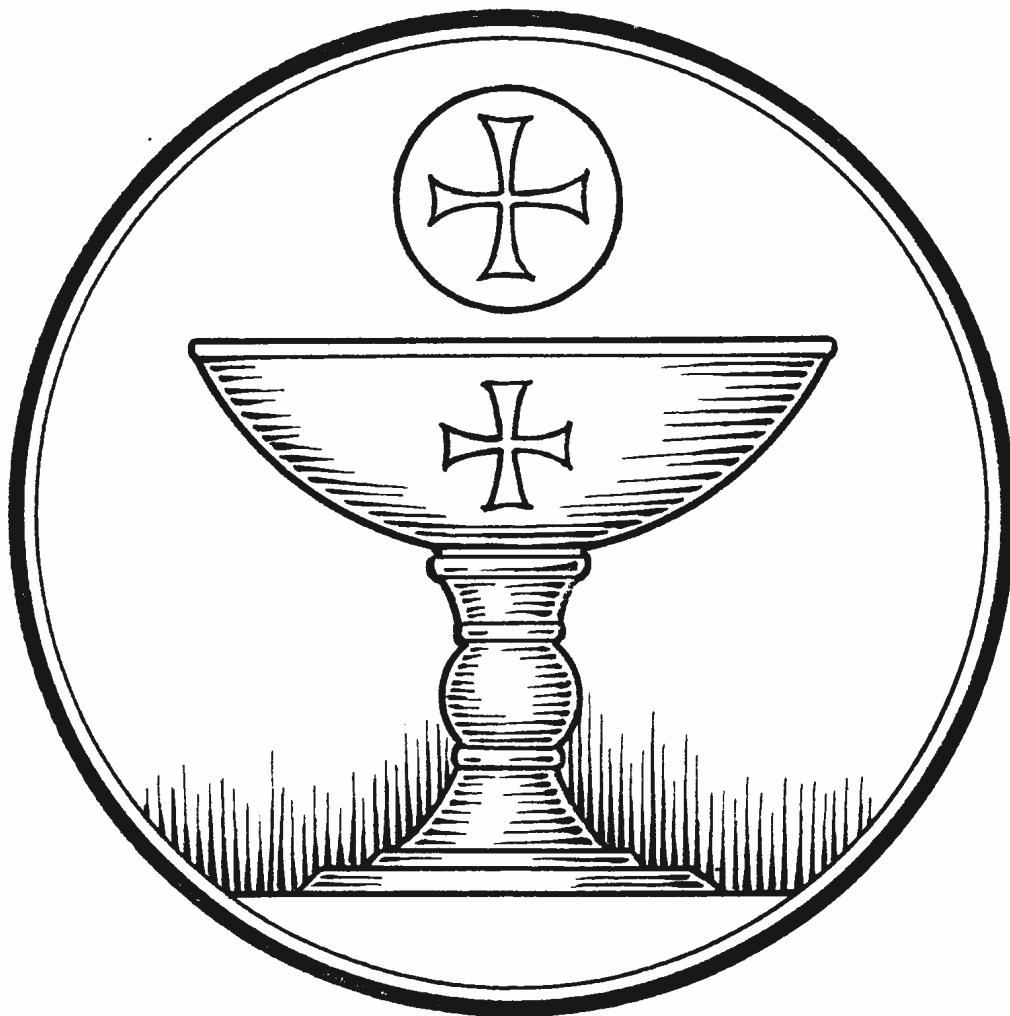


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777

*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Second Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service Three*

June 18, 2023

Vol. 125-29

## Opening Hymn

## #536 One Thing's Needful

### 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.

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### Introit (sung responsively)



The LORD was | my support\*  
in the day of my ca- | lamity.

**He brought me out into a | broad place;\***  
**he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in me.**

I love you, O | LORD, my strength.\*

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.

**For you save a humble | people,\*  
but the haughty eyes | you bring down.**

This God—his way is | perfect;\*  
the word of the | LORD proves true.

**For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the | nations,\*  
and sing | to your name.**

*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.*

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in the day of my ca- | lamity.

**He brought me out into a | broad place;\*  
he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in 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 Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

### The Way of Wisdom

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”  
To him who lacks sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”
- <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
- <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
- <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
- <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

In my distress I called | to the LORD,\*  
and he | answered me.

Deliver me, O LORD, from | lying lips,\*  
from a de- | ceitful tongue.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 2:13–22*

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached

peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

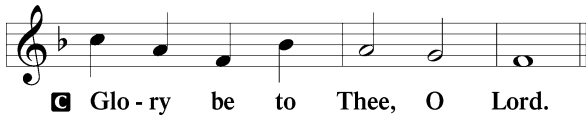
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 14:15-24*

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



<sup>15</sup>When one of those who reclined at table with [Jesus] heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup>But he said to him, “**A man once gave a great banquet and invited many.** <sup>17</sup>**And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’** <sup>18</sup>**But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’** <sup>19</sup>**And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’** <sup>20</sup>**And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’** <sup>21</sup>**So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’** <sup>22</sup>**And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’** <sup>23</sup>**And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.** <sup>24</sup>**For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”**

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**#510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West**

**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:***

*Heidi Kleppinger (knee surgery June 22)*

*Delores Scheumann (Woodcrest)*

*Margaret Whitesel*

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

*Joellen Meyer*

*Norwin Bauermeister*

*Lee Braselton*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*David Nahrwold*

### ***Father's Day Blessings***

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

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

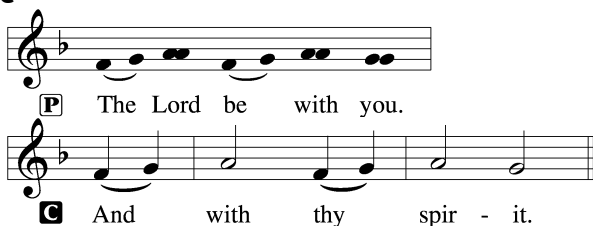
### ***We pray for our schools***

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

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

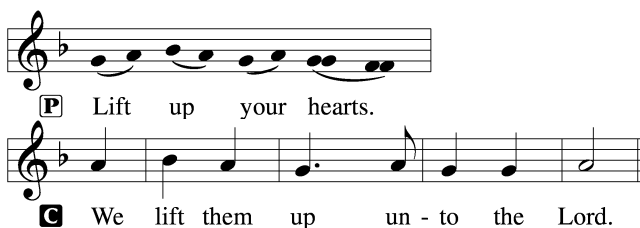


## Preface



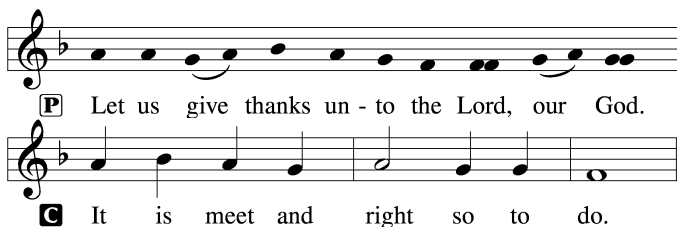
**P** The Lord be with you.

**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.



**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

- #642 O Living Bread from Heaven
- #643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing
- #748 I'm But a Stranger Here
- #570 Just as I Am, without One Plea
- #563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness
- #832 Jesus Shall Reign

## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
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.



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

## Benedicamus

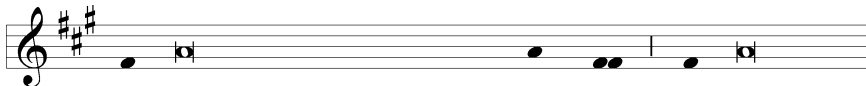


**A** Bless we the Lord.

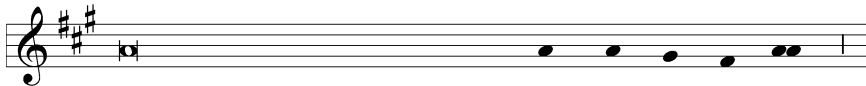


**G** Thanks be to God.

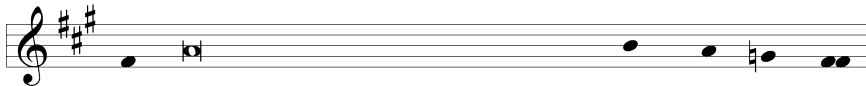
## Benediction



**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.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

**#680** Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching and Celebrant**

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

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Sem. Isaac Spangler and Sem. Morgan Phillips

**Deaconess**

Wendy Boehm

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Lloyd Meyer

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Lloyd Meyer and Dave Flesch

**Kantor**

Richard Brinkley

**Organist**

Emilie Meyer

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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**

NO

Family Bible Class

11:30 a.m.

Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

**MONDAY**

6:30 p.m.

Endowment Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Spoken Divine Service**

**THURSDAY**

NO

Blanket Sewing

7:00 p.m.

Board of Elders Meeting

**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Divine Service with Holy Communion**

10:15 a.m.

Family Bible Class

11:15 a.m.

Voters Assembly 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 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.

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**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

**LUNCH AND SPEAKER** - All Senior Citizens (55+) are invited to a free lunch on Thursday, June 29 at 11:30 am at New Hope Lutheran Church, 8824 N. SR 1, Ossian. The lunch will feature artist Meghan Schultz of Red Letter Art and Design. She will be speaking on the topic, "Christian Art and Symbolism in Everyday Life." Call or text 260-415-1462 to reserve your spot. Free will donations will be accepted.

## **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.

**THANK YOU** for participating in our Mother's Day Carnation Project. We are very thankful to have church communities support life from conception to natural death. As we continue to pray and be a voice for the unborn, may God continue to bless us with His great grace and seek all who are affected by abortion and give them the love and compassion they need. Thank you again from the staff of the Right to Life of Northeast Indiana.

### **Offering June 11, 2023**

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env.	\$10,160.87
Synod	92.00
Loose	191.50
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	60.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
School Tuition	<u>7,100.59</u>
Total	\$17,754.96

### **Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$6,041.11**

Next week bills due: \$14,000

Bills due two weeks: \$18,000

**Savings Account Balance \$42,466.85**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$20,500

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 133/96

Wednesday N/A



## 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.**

*"Salvation unto Us Has Come" – Lutheran Service Book 555 (stz. 1-2)*

**(1) Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never,  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.**

**(2) What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on every hand  
For man, the vile offender,  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.**