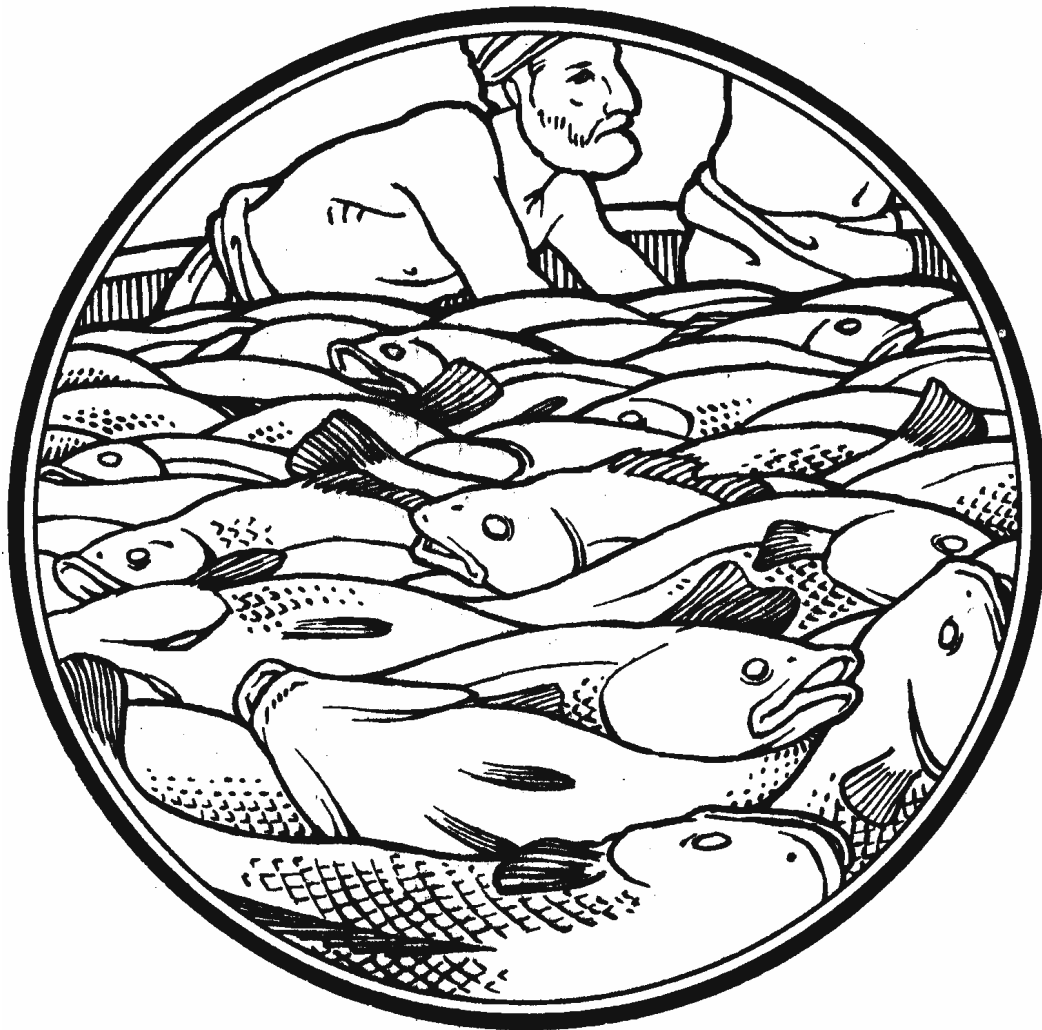


Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

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#578 Thy Strong Word

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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.

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**O you who have | been my help,*
forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!**

Teach me your way, | O LORD,*

Give me not up to the will of my adver- | series;*

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

*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.

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

O you who have | been my help,*

forsake me not, O God of my sal- | vation!

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.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

1 Kings 19:11–21

¹¹[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are

called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

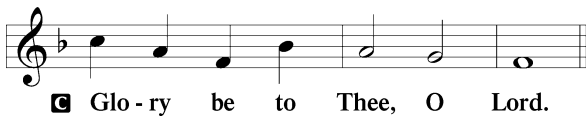
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

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



¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."** ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."** ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed 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

#688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

Sermon

Offertory





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:

Coty Newnum

Delores Scheumann (Woodcrest)

Margaret Whitesel

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

Joellen Meyer

Normin Bauermeister

Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

David Nahrnold

Wedding Anniversary Blessing *Milton and Patsy Gallmeyer (55th)*

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

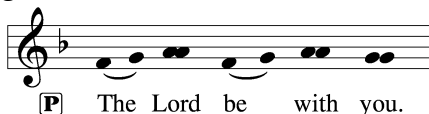
We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

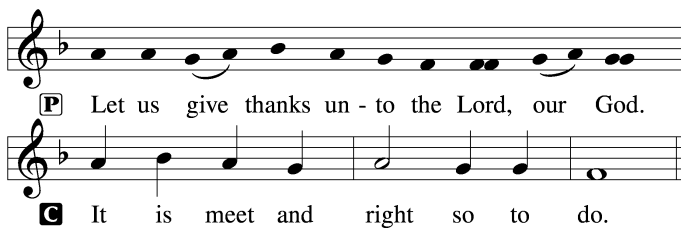
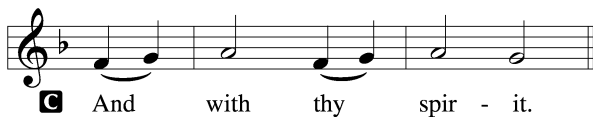
We pray for all military personnel

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Preface



P The Lord be with you.

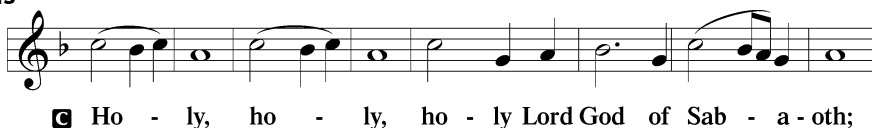


C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini



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



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



Distribution

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns

#621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

#845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

#649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

#718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

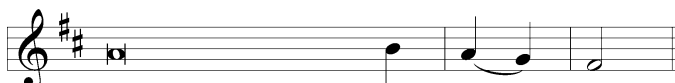
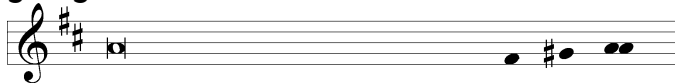
#802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Nunc Dimittis (please stand)





Thanksgiving



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.



Salutation





C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

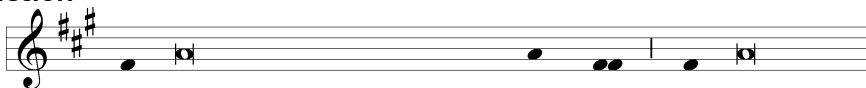


A Bless we the Lord.

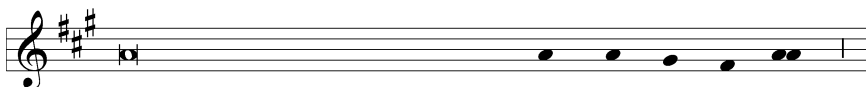


C Thanks be to God.

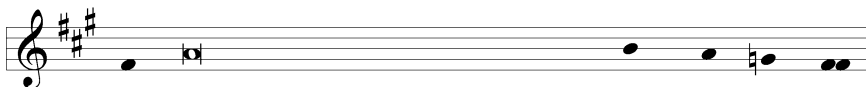
Benediction



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.

Hymn to Depart

#819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching and Celebrant
Fieldworkers
Deaconess
Head Elder
Elders on Duty
Kantor
Acolyte
Altar Guild Chairman
Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Sem. Morgan Phillips
Wendy Boehm
Lloyd Meyer
Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Richard Brinkley
Elders
Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger
Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
(Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com)	
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	260-597-7121
Bethlehem Lutheran School	260-597-7366
Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley	260-705-4105
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.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
THURSDAY	NO	Blanket Sewing
SUNDAY	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)

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 597-7121.
<http://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.

CARD SHOWER – Please join us in celebrating the 95th birthday of Rev. Donald Lutz with a card shower. His birthday is July 6th and cards may be sent to 6723 South Anthony Blvd. Aptl 5313 Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

THANK YOU to everyone for the beautiful get-well cards and delicious meals during my recent knee surgery. I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Heidi

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.

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.

JANITORAL BIDS ARE NOW DUE for the school and church janitor positions can be submitted to Cale Schumm.

SCHOOL CLEANING – Please be aware that the school will be cleaned, and floors waxed July 17th-30th. We ask that use of the school be limited during that time period. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Meyer. Thank you

LUTHERAN NIGHT at the TinCaps – Tuesday, August 1st – 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.

Job Opportunity - Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School (Decatur, IN) seeks a middle school language arts teacher, early childhood teacher (children ages 3-5), and teacher's aide to begin in the 2023-2024 school year. Those interested in any of these positions are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Principal Andrew Gavrun. For additional information, please contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

Job Opportunity - Zion Lutheran School is looking for a Middle School Math and Science teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Interested applicants should email jheckler@ziondecatur.com or call 260-728-9995.

Offering July 2, 2023

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env.	\$6,728.19
Synod	30.83
Loose	104.88
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	95.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Worship Anew Mem.	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$6,969.75

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$4,423.69)

Next week bills due: \$3,000

Bills due two weeks: \$13,000

Savings Account Balance \$39,331.42

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$20,500

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 108/85

Wednesday 12/11

The following information is accurate as of May 31, 2023:

\$205,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

192,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

226,373.33 - Amount generated since 2009

-104,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$520,684.15 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of May 31, 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.**

"Salvation unto Us Has Come" – Lutheran Service Book 555 (stz. 7-8)

**(7) Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.**

**(8) The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.**