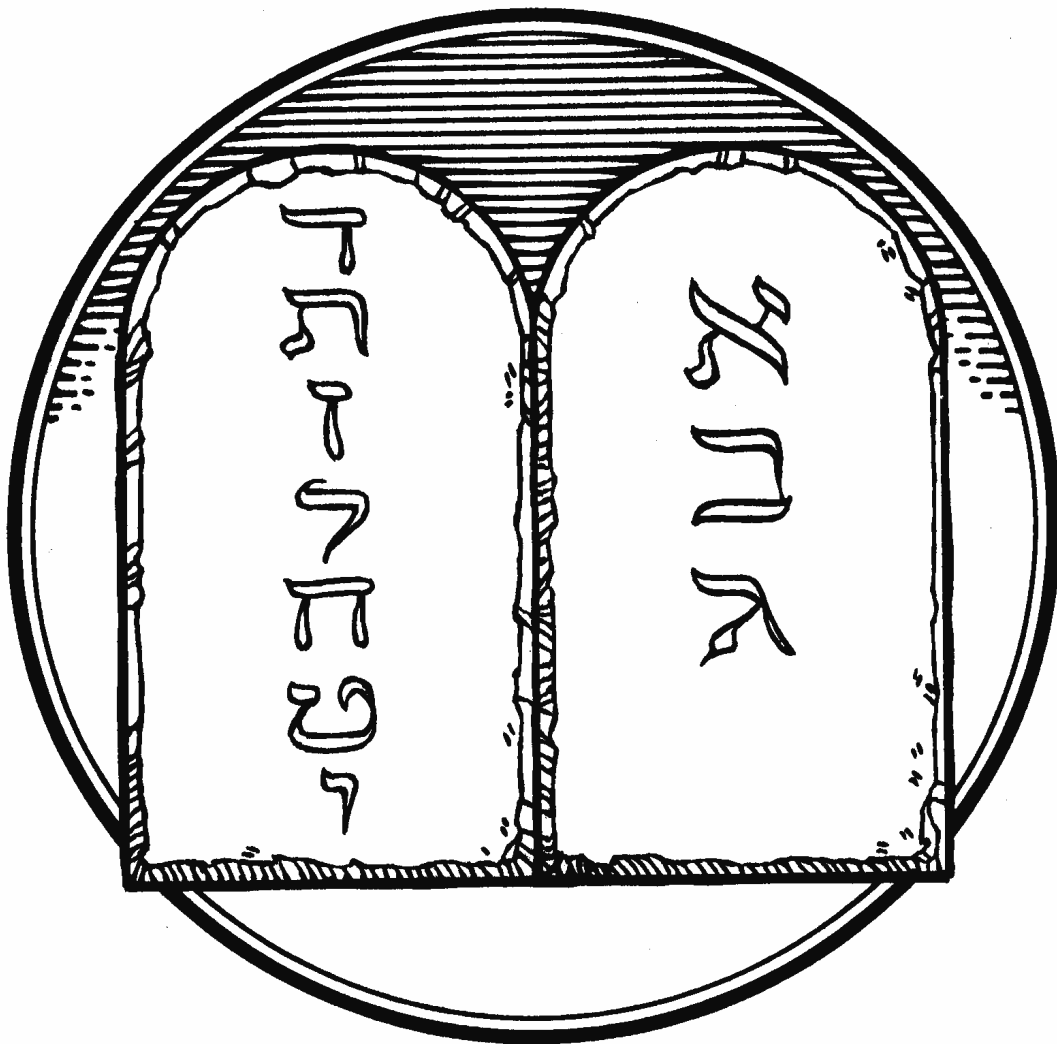


Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

July 16, 2023

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Opening Hymn

#857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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 is the strength of his | people;*
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

Save your people and bless your heritage!*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- ever.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped; *
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

*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.*

The LORD is the strength of his | people; *
he is the saving refuge of his a- | noointed.

Save your people and bless your | heritage! *

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

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 Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Return, O LORD! | How long?*

Have pity on your | servants!

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations.*

From everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to

sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

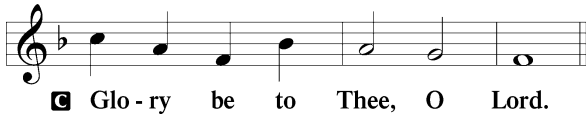
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17–26

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



¹⁷[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

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

#562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

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:

Donna Schumm

Coty Newnum

Delores Scheumann (Woodcrest)

Margaret Whitesel

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

Joellen Meyer

Norwin Bauermeister

Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

David Nahrwold

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

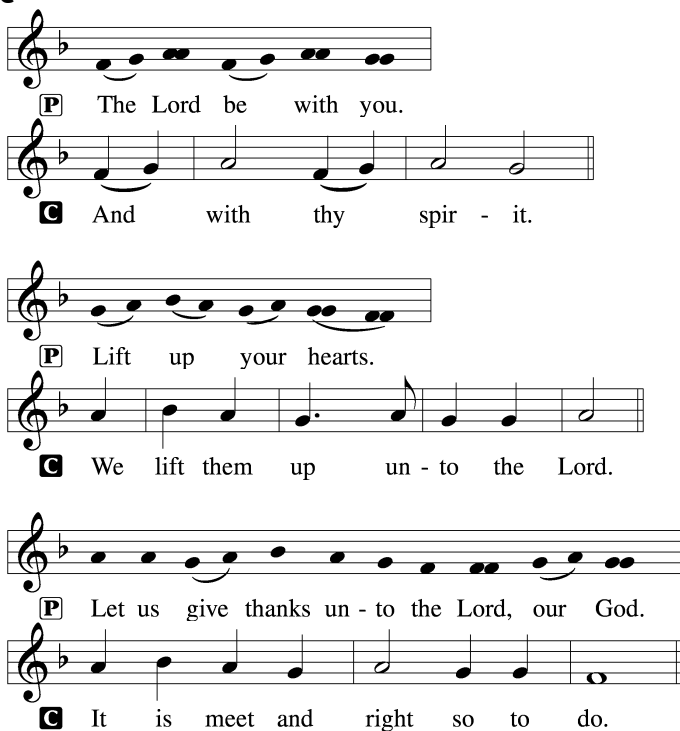
Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

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.

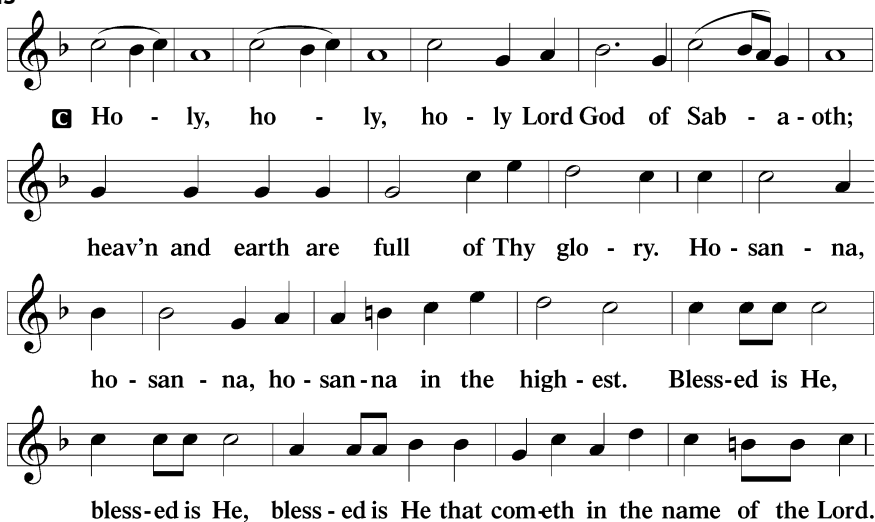
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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

- #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
- #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
- #698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
- #575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
- #655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
- #601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)

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** Amen

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

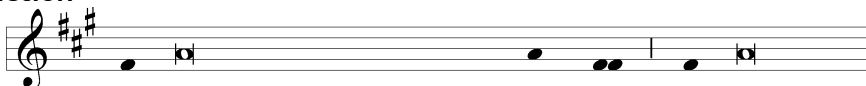


A Bless we the Lord.

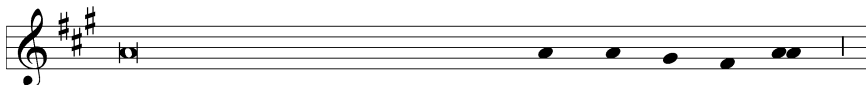


G Thanks be to God.

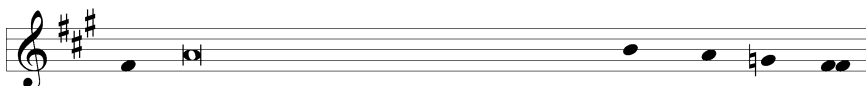
Benediction



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

#563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworkers	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Lloyd Meyer
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	Elders
Altar Guild Chairman	Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley
Ushers	Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless Darren Patrick, Mark Patrik, Cole Patrick

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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)
MONDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing (school basement)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	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.
<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 continue our study of hymns. Please join us.

THANK YOU all so much for another successful VBS this year! If you have not done so already, check out our VBS poster in the narthex with pictures from this year. Our theme for 2024 will be "Heroes". Please return any signs if you still have them. Thank you!

RIGHT TO LIFE OF NORTHEAST INDIANA is having their 26th Annual Fall Banquet on October 9, 2023 at The Allen County Memorial Coliseum. Keynote speaker is Dr. Ben Carson. Tickets are on sale now! For ticket information call 260-471-1849 or online at www.ichooselife.org.

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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS for the new church year will be held on Sunday, July 30th.

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.

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

Bus Trip – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Thiele Road is sponsoring a bus trip to Shippshewana on December 7th, 2023. We will be seeing The Gaither Vocal Band Christmas Home Coming. Mark Lowery will also be featured with several other singers. We will also have time for shopping before the show. Cost per person is \$125 which includes bus transportation, show and buffet dinner. Deadline for payment is July 31st., Please contact Terry Springer at 260-445-4237 for availability.

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 9, 2023

Average weekly need \$11,342

Home Fund Env.	\$28,275.74
Synod	43.83
Loose	197.30
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Tax refund	50.46
Total	\$28,763.18

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$5,027.29

Next week bills due: \$13,000

Bills due two weeks: \$19,000

Savings Account Balance \$39,377.27

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 123.93

Wednesday 18/16

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. 9-10)

**(9) Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.**

**(10) All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heaven above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.**