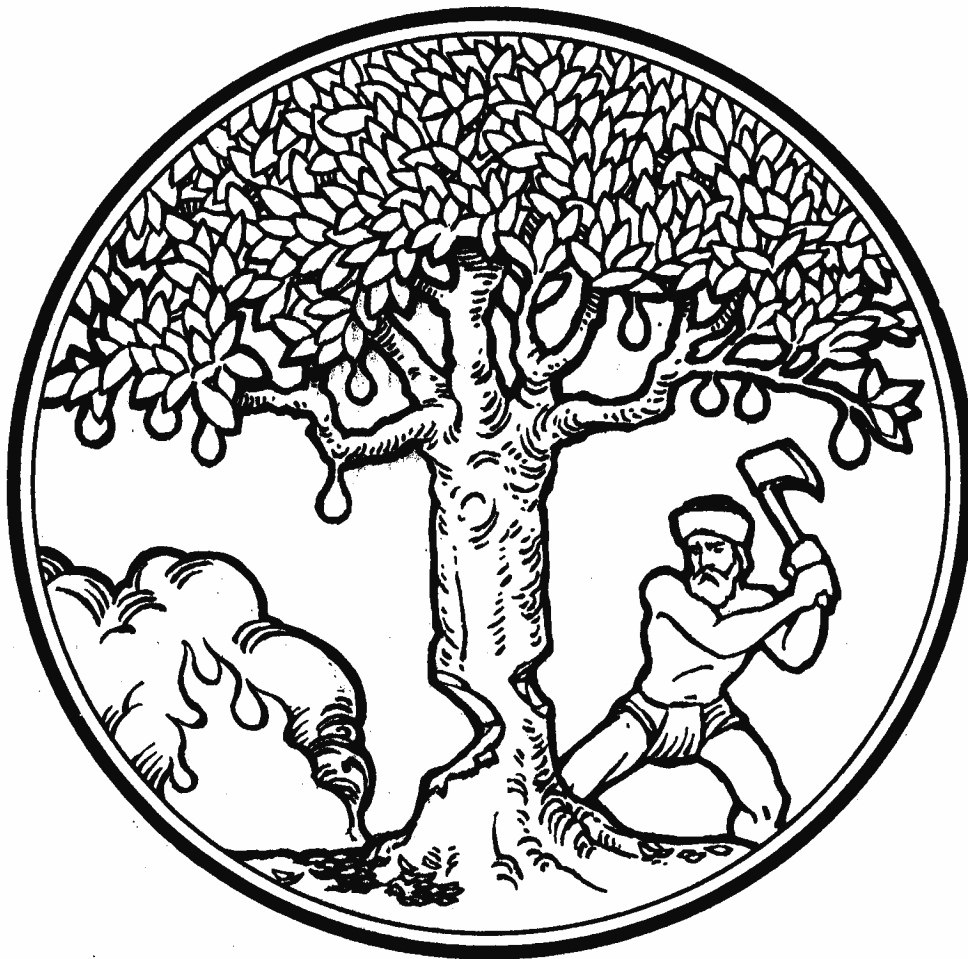


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

*Matins / Divine Service Three*

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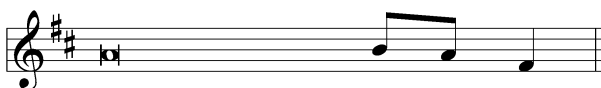
## Opening Hymn

## #691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

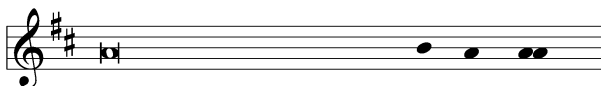
### Common Versicles



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Antiphon (Common)

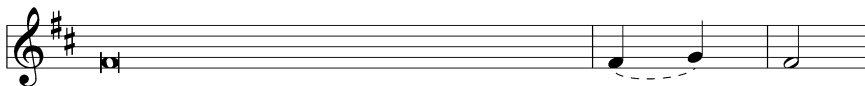


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



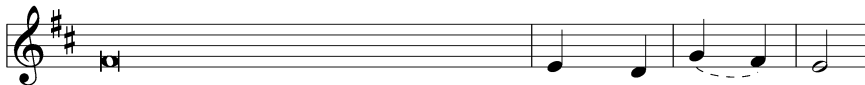
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Venite



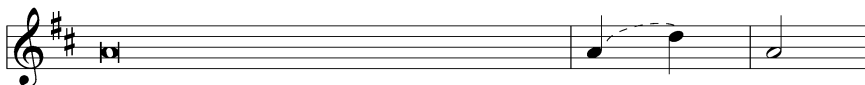
- C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

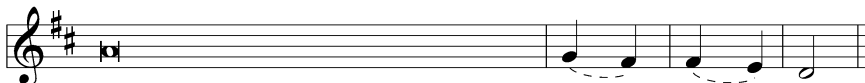


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## Antiphon (Common)



- L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



- C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Psalmody

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 12



<sup>1</sup>Vindicate me, O LORD,  
for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,\*  
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

<sup>2</sup>Prove me, O LORD, and | try me; \*  
test my heart | and my mind.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,\*  
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup>I do not sit with men of | falsehood,\*  
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

<sup>5</sup>I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,\*  
and I will not sit with the | wicked.

<sup>6</sup>I wash my hands in | innocence\*  
and go around your altar, | O LORD,

<sup>7</sup>proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,\*  
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house\*  
and the place where your | glory dwells.

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,\*  
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,

<sup>10</sup>in whose hands are evil de- | vices,\*  
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.

<sup>11</sup>But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;\*  
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

<sup>12</sup>My foot stands on | level ground;\*  
in the great assembly I will | bless 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.*

## Hymn of the Day

#745 In God, My Faithful God

## Reading

Jeremiah 23:16–29

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD!  
Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets,  
yet they ran;  
I did not speak to them,  
yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council,  
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Romans 8:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Matthew 7:15–23*

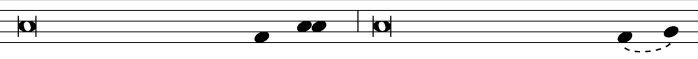
<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup>So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. <sup>21</sup>“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.


## Responsory

*Verse* *To Refrain*



**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

*Refrain*



**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

## Sermon

## Athanasian Creed

**L** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

**[L]** And the catholic faith is this,

**C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**[L]** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

**L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
**C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- L** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- L** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- L** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- L** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- L** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- L** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- L** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- L** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- L** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- L** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,  
**C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- L** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

## Offering

## Installation of Officers

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Coty Newnum*

*Margaret Whitesel*

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

*Joellen Meyer*

*Normin Bauermeister*

*Lee Braselton*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*David Nahrwold*

**For those who mourn:** *family and friends of Aldon Bultemeier*

**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** 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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

**#628 Your Table I Approach**

**#629 What Is This Bread**

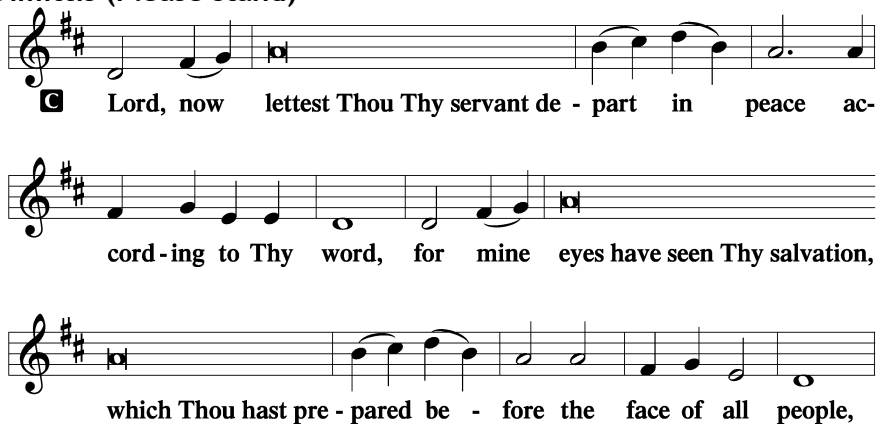
**#954 We All Believe in One True God**

**#851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

**#647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

**#940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



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.



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

## Benedicamus

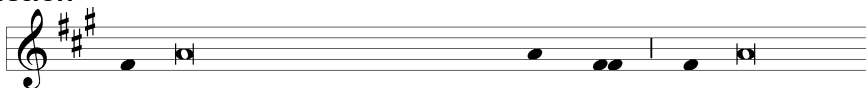


**A** Bless we the Lord.

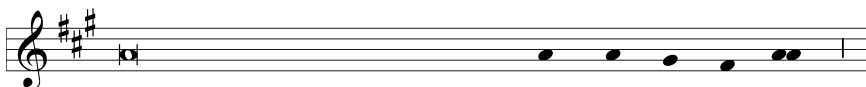


**C** Thanks be to God.

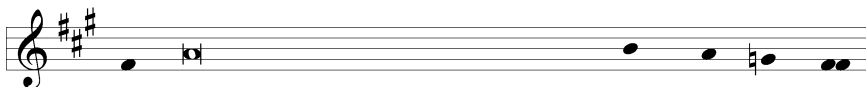
## Benediction



**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

# 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching**  
**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  
Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Ted Schumm  
Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Nathan Meyer

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spoken Divine Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing (school basement)
	4-7:00 p.m.	School Registration (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
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*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.

## **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS**

Secretary: Stan Meyer

Treasurer: Brian Scheumann

Board of Elders: Jerry Meyer, Glen Werling, Steve Conrad

Board of Trustees: Todd Ottinger, Cale Schumm, Darrin Werling

Board of Finance: Jay Louison, Jason Laley, Mike Bultemeier

Board of Christian Education: Brian Bultemeier, Jeff Holtzclaw, Darren Patrick

**Each Sunday in August during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour** we will be highlighting professional church worker vocations as part of our Synod's Set Apart to Serve initiative to o raise up church workers. Join us today to hear about the work of Christ Academy and Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and hear from one of Bethlehem's members about her experience this Summer.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**ST. PAUL, PREBLE IS CELEBRATING HER 150TH ANNIVERSARY** on Saturday, August 19th, 2023 with a service at 4PM (at St. Paul, Preble, [4510 W. 750 N., Decatur, 46733](#)) and a supper at 6PM (at the Zion, Friedheim Parish Hall). The members of our Decatur circuit LCMS Churches are invited to attend both service and supper to celebrate with us. The supper will feature live music and a presentation by Dr. Cameron MacKenzie of CTS-Ft. Wayne who will be speaking on F.C.D. Wyneken. The supper is \$10/person and will be catered by Norm Schueler. On the menu: caesar salad, rolls and butter, cheesy potatoes, green beans, swiss steak, broasted chicken, ice cream, and dessert. We ask that all tickets be purchased in advance. For tickets, please write [stpaulpreble@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpreble@gmail.com) or call 260-226-0375

**Martini Lutheran Church-New Haven** is looking for vendors for our Holiday Pop-Up Market. To be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dawn at 260-385-1547 to reserve your booth space.

**Bus Trip** – St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Thiele Road is sponsoring a bus trip to Shipshewana on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Terry Springer at 260-445-4237 for availability.

### **Offering July 23, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$6,495.17
Synod	91.83
Loose	1,294.15
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Home Fund Memorial	55.00
Salary Reimbursement	300.00
School Phase I	<u>1,100.00</u>
Total	\$9,382.00

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$2,065.60</b>
Next week bills due:	\$14,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$4,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$39,518.97</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	PAID
Operating Loan Debt:	\$5,500

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	173/114
Wednesday	18/14



## 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.**

*"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" – Lutheran Service Book 865 (stz. 3-4)*

**(3) Hear us, dear Father, when we pray  
For needed help from day to day  
That as Your children we may live,  
Whom you baptized and so received.**

**(4) Lord, when we fall or go astray,  
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.**



## ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO CONSIDER CHURCH WORK!

Christ's church will continue until He returns, and that church will continue to need church workers.

**Set Apart to Serve (SAS)** is an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. Together, we pray for workers for the Kingdom of God and encourage children to consider church work vocations. Here are three easy ways you can participate in SAS:

1. **Pray with** your children for God to provide church workers.
2. **Talk to** your children about becoming church workers.
3. **Thank God** for the people who work in your congregation.

To learn more about *Set Apart to Serve*, visit [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](https://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve).



# THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WORK FOR THE CHURCH!

Professional church work vocations within the LCMS include:



PASTORS



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DIRECTORS OF  
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CHRISTIAN OUTREACH



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LIFE MINISTRIES



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PARISH MUSIC



DIRECTORS OF  
CHURCH MINISTRIES



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