

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service Three*

August 6, 2023

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## Invocation (Please stand)

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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## Introit (sung responsively)



Behold, God is my | helper;\*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

**He will return the evil to my | enemies;\***

**in your faithfulness put an | end to them.**

O God, save me, | by your name,\*


and vindicate me | by your might.

**O God, | hear my prayer;\***

**give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.  
**For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\***  
**and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.**  
*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.*  
Behold, God is my | helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.  
**He will return the evil to my | enemies;\***  
**in your faithfulness put an | end to them.**

## 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** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

2 Samuel 22:26–34

- <sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;  
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;  
<sup>27</sup>with the purified you deal purely,  
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.  
<sup>28</sup>You save a humble people,  
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.  
<sup>29</sup>For you are my lamp, O LORD,  
and my God lightens my darkness.  
<sup>30</sup>For by you I can run against a troop,  
and by my God I can leap over a wall.  
<sup>31</sup>This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.  
  
<sup>32</sup>“For who is God, but the LORD?  
And who is a rock, except our God?  
<sup>33</sup>This God is my strong refuge  
and has made my way blameless.  
<sup>34</sup>He made my feet like the feet of a deer  
and set me secure on the heights.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**O | LORD, our Lord,\***  
**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**  
**You have set your | glory\***  
**above the | heavens.**

## Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

- <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink  
and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-  
three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were  
destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.  
<sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction,  
on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed

lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

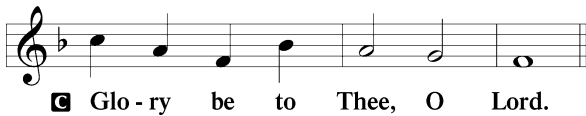
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 16:1-13*

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



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, **“There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.**

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

**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

#730 What Is the World to Me

Sermon

Offertory



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 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:***

*Lee Bragunier (Gail Werling's brother)*

*Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)*

*Coty Newnum*

*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 Nabrworld*

### ***Thanksgiving:*** *Birth of a baby girl to Sydney Mishler*

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

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

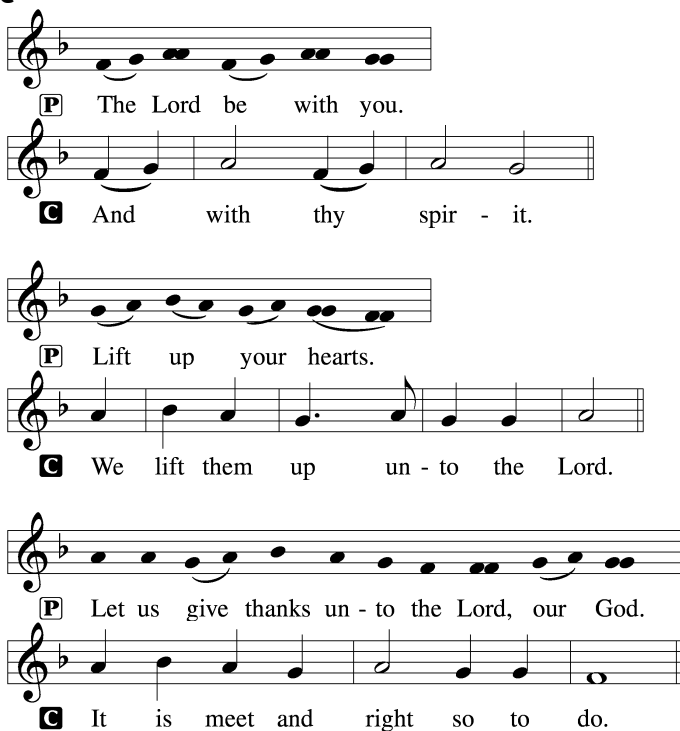
### ***We pray for our schools***

### ***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.

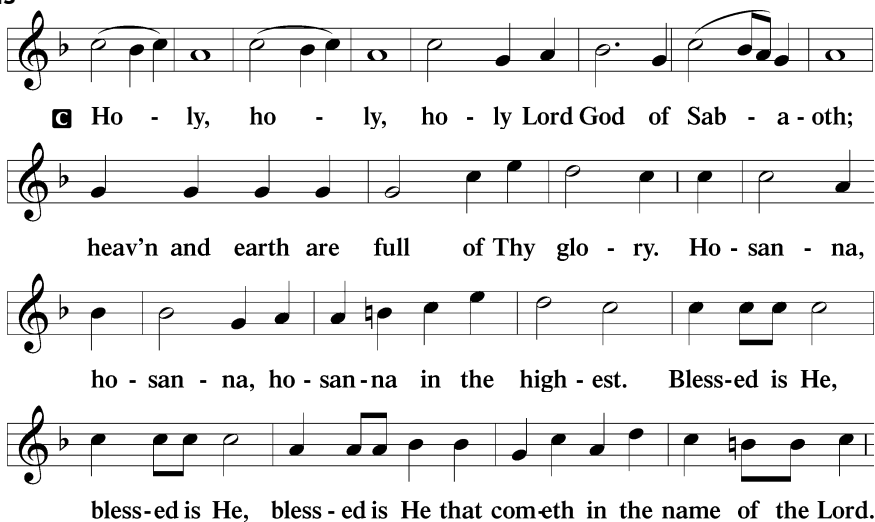
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**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

**#630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling**  
**#631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face**  
**#743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure**  
**#732 All Depends on Our Possessing**

## 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** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

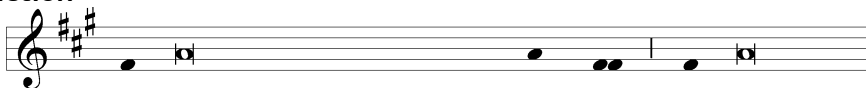


**A** Bless we the Lord.

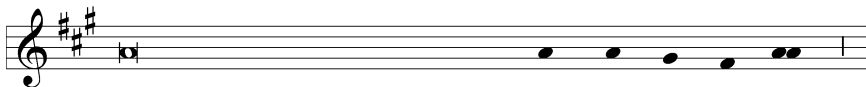


**G** Thanks be to God.

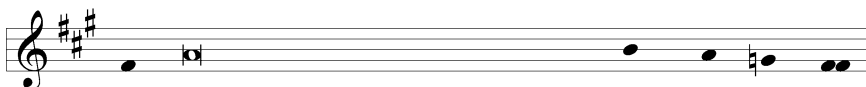
## Benediction



**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

**#728 How Firm a Foundation**

## IN HIS SERVICE

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

Rev. Anthony Dodgers  
Rev. Samuel Wirgau  
Sem. Morgan Phillips  
Wendy Boehm  
Glen Werling  
Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad  
Richard Brinkley  
Elders  
Amy Schueler and Tisha Laley  
Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Cole Louison  
Peyton Laley, Jared Meyer, Kyle Patrick, Dean Scheumann

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m. Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	4:00 p.m. Back to School Welcome Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	First Day of School
	<b>10:30 a.m. Opening Day Chapel Service</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m. Blanket Sewing (school basement)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	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](mailto: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.

**THE FLOWERS PLACED ON THE HYMNBOARD TABLE**, have been given to the glory of God and in celebration of Marilyn L. Meyer's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday from her family. (If you happen to see Marilyn this morning, please wish her a Happy Birthday!)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us serve Delores Scheumann and Aldon Bultemeier's funeral meals. The salads and desserts that were donated were delicious. Also, the helpers of both young and old did a great job. Thank you from the Funeral Committee (Please remember to pick up any dishes that may have been left in the Fellowship Hall)

**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 raise up church workers. Join us today to hear from our Pastors, Rev. Wirgau and Rev. Dodgers.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.**

**GARDEN VEGYS** – If you have extras from your garden and would like to share with the congregation, there will be a table set up in the north hallway for donations and free for taking.

**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.

**SHARPER IRON** – Hosted by Pastor Timothy Appel, with guest Rev. Wirgau on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for a study on “Wisdom for Life Under the Sun” Ecclesiastes 4:4-16. Listen live or on-demand at: [kfuo.org/sharperiron](http://kfuo.org/sharperiron)

### **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. 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.

**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

### **Offering July 30, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$ 5,992.42
Synod	21.83
Loose	300.84
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	200.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Memorials	340.00
Endowment Dist.	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$26,900.94

### **Financial Report**

#### **Home Fund Balance (\$1,130.72)**

Next week bills due: \$4,000

Bills due two weeks: \$14,000

#### **Savings Account Balance \$39,565.79**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

#### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 117/106

Wednesday 13/10



## 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.

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

*What is John 15:5?*

**[Jesus said] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.**

*What is 2 Timothy 3:16-18?*

**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**