

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service Three*

*August 13, 2023*

*Vol. 125-37*

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.

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively)



I call to God, and he | hears my voice;\*

he redeems my soul in | safety.

**Cast your burden | on the LORD,\***

**and he will sus- | tain you.**

Give ear to my prayer, | O God,\*

and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!

**My heart is in anguish with- | in me;\***

**the terrors of death have fallen up- | on me.**

Fear and trembling come up- | on me,\*  
and horror over- | whelms me.

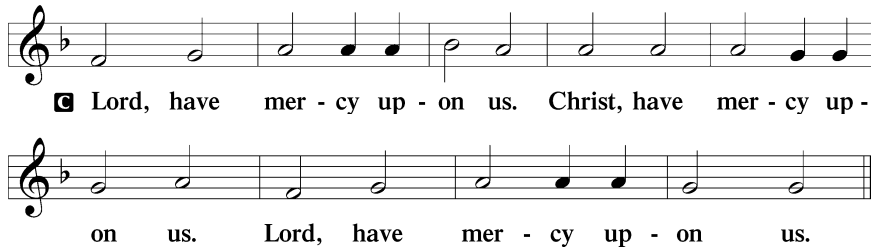
**But I | call to God,\***  
**and the LORD will | save me.**

*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.*

I call to God, and he | hears my voice;\*,  
he redeems my soul in | safety.

**Cast your burden | on the LORD,\***  
**and he will sus- | tain you.**

## Kyrie



**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**  
**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis



**Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward**  
**men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,**  
**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.**  
**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;**

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir-it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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

*Jeremiah 7:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.’ <sup>5</sup>“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup>then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. <sup>8</sup>“Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. <sup>9</sup>Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’—only to go on doing all these abominations? <sup>11</sup>Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;\***

**hide me in the shadow | of your wings.**

**From your presence let my vindi- | cation come!\***

**Let your eyes be- | hold the right!**

## Epistle

*Romans 9:30—10:4*

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, <sup>33</sup>as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>1</sup>Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

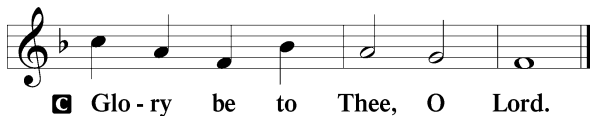
## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 19:41–48*

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



<sup>41</sup>When [Jesus] drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup>saying, **“Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup>For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup>and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”**<sup>45</sup>And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup>saying to them, **“It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”**<sup>47</sup>And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup>but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

**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

#644 The Church's One Foundation

Sermon

Offertory



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)*

*Margaret Whitesel*

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

*Joellen Meyer*

*Norwin Bauermeister*

*Lee Braselton*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*David Nahrwold*

**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**

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

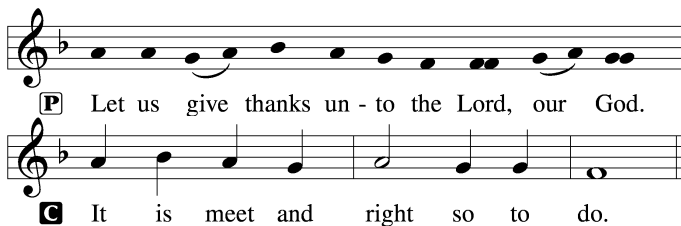


**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.





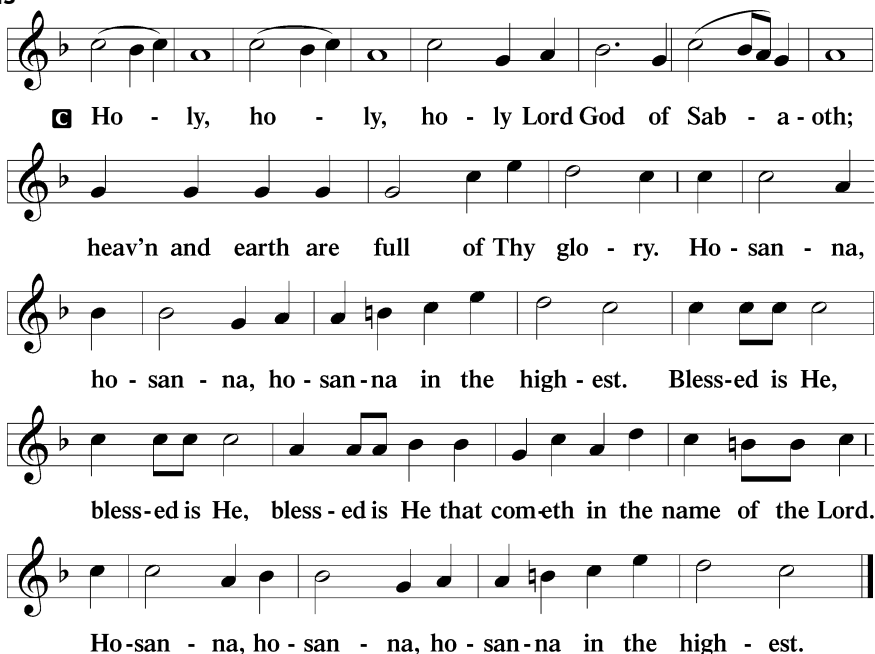
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**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

#632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

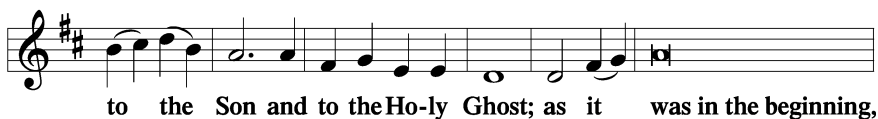
#563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

#729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

#602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

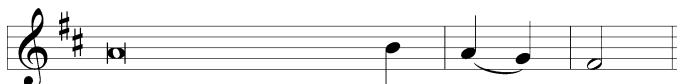
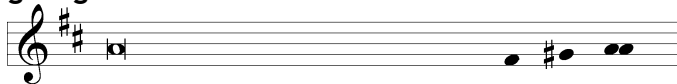
#530 No Temple Now, No Gift of Price

## 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.

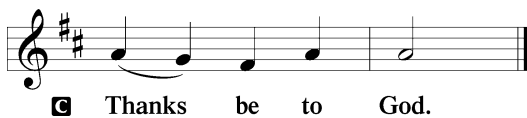


## Salutation

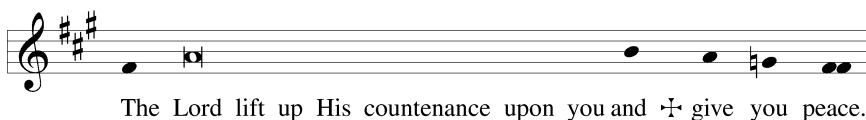
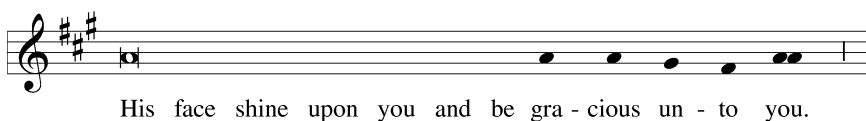
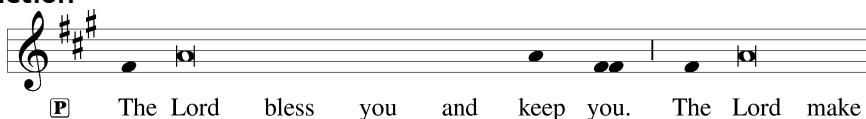


## Benedicamus





## Benediction



## Closing Hymn

## #909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

**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.

## IN HIS SERVICE

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

Rev. Samuel Wirgau  
Rev. Anthony Dodgers  
Sem. Morgan Phillips  
Wendy Boehm  
Glen Werling  
Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad  
Richard Brinkley  
Elders  
Tisha Laley  
Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher  
Don Schueler, Ben Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen, Nathan Householder

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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
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spoken Divine Service</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing (school basement)
<b>SATURDAY</b>		Conrad/ Clausius Wedding
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**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 about the vocation of being a Deaconess from our Deaconess'; Wendy Boehm, Carolyn Brinkley and Betsy Dodgers.

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

**A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will be starting on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and will meet every third Tuesday of the month. We will be discussing Heidi Goehmanns book, "Emotions and the Gospel". If you would like to participate, please contact Deaconess Wendy Boehm. The cost of the book is \$15.99. If you would like a copy, there will be an order placed on August 18<sup>th</sup>. *About the book:* "Combining scientific research and a Bible-based approach centered on grace, Emotions and the Gospel offers information and tools to explore how emotions help us connect with God and other people. Sections include foundational beliefs about emotions, misconceptions, ways to process emotions, and a look at emotions in the Bible"

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated for the new flooring in our Kindergarten room and Library. The staff of Bethlehem Lutheran School truly appreciate your generosity. The new carpet looks really good and has helped to make both rooms look fresher and inviting. It was wonderful to have this phase of our on-going improvement project done for the new school year. Please feel free to stop by sometime and take a look at the new rooms. More information on Phase 2 for Library improvements will be coming soon. But for now, we just want to say thank you for your support.

**BABY SHOWER –** The Women of Bethlehem are having an ingathering Baby Show for Mrs. Streeks. Her due date is September 14<sup>th</sup> and she is having a boy! Diapers and gift cards would be appreciated and can be left on the table set up in the church hallway August 20-Sept. 17.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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.

**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 August 6, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$7,736.05
Synod	27.83
Loose	171.70
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Memorials	655.00
Roembke Endow.	1,105.68
School Improvement	500.00
Fellowship Hall Rent.	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$10,362.11

**Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$3,398.02**

Next week bills due: \$14,000

Bills due two weeks: \$5,000

**Savings Account Balance \$40,413.06**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 157/124

Wednesday 18/14

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE**

**RECITATION & PRAYER FOR SCHOOL 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.**

What are 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.**

What is the Apostles' 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.*
- *A hymn may be sung.*
- *Scripture Reading and 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.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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

*What is the First Commandment?*

**You shall have no other gods.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

*What is Deuteronomy 6:4-5?*

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

*What is the Second Commandment?*

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

*What is Isaiah 12:4?*

**“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.” -Isaiah 12:4**