

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

August 20, 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.

Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit



God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

*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.

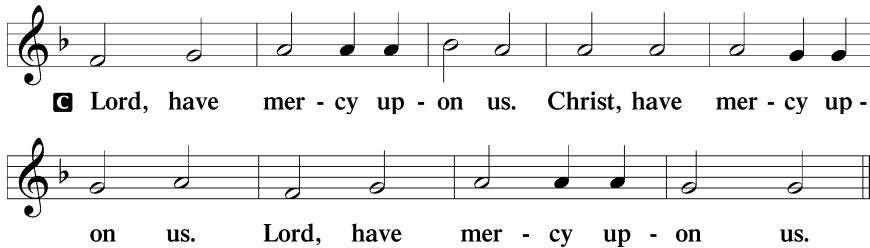
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Kyrie



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 Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things

that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–10

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still

alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰**“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

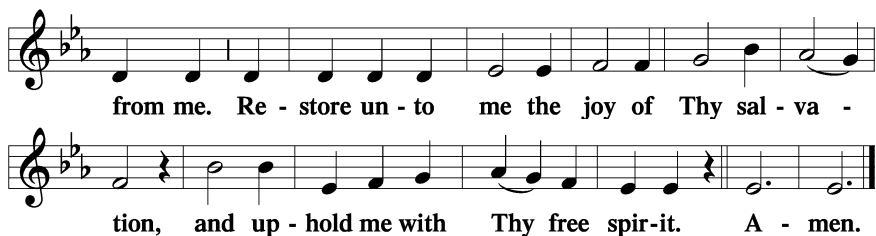
#559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

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



Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Margaret Whitesel

Joellen Meyer

Norwin Bauermeister

Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

David Nahrwold

Marriage blessing: *Alexander and Brittany (Conrad) Clausius*

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

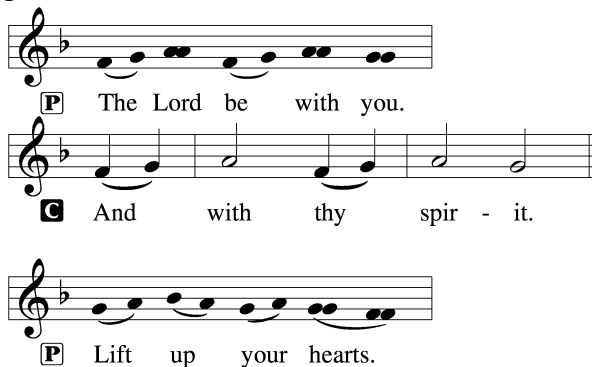
We pray for our schools

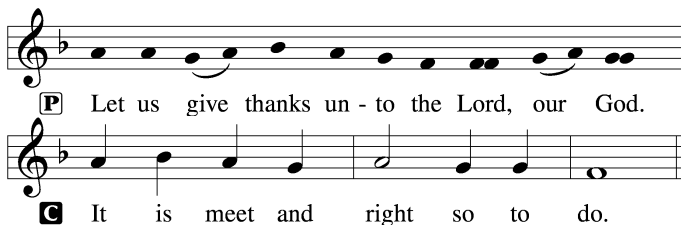
We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

Preface

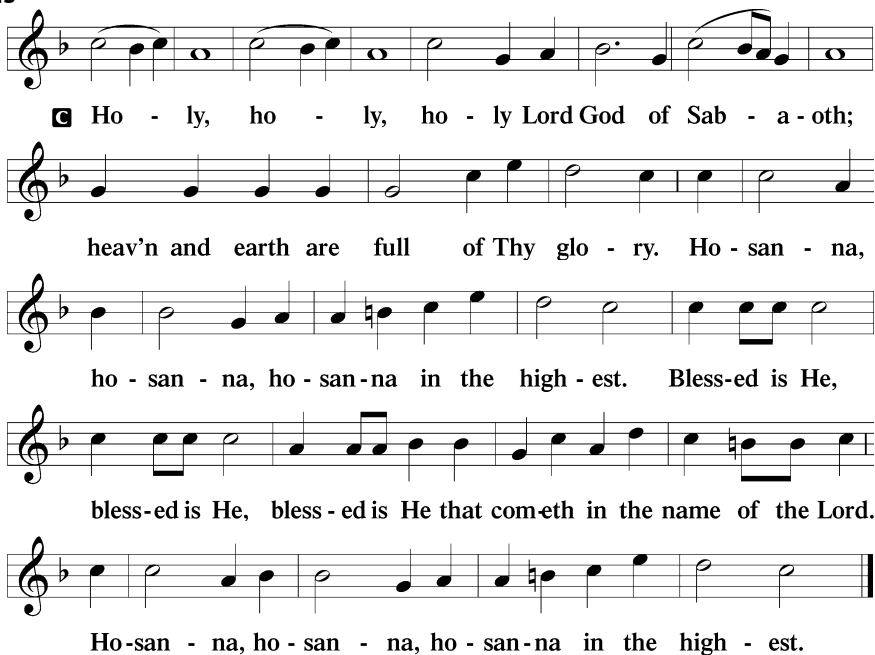




Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



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 Hymn

#634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

#636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

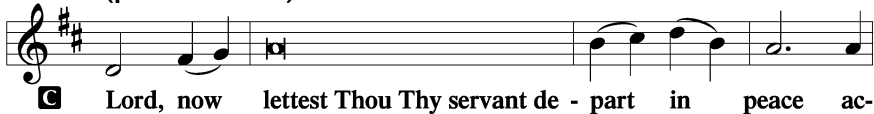
#744 Amazing Grace

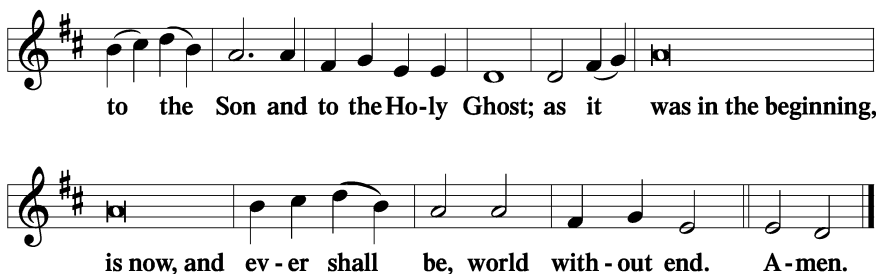
#761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

#570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

#565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

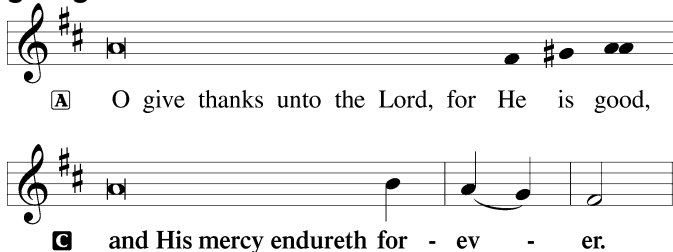
Nunc Dimittis (please stand)





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,
G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

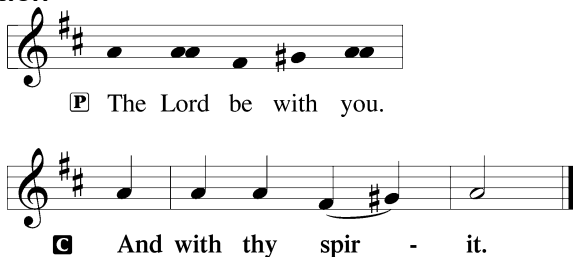
Post-Communion Collect

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.



G A - men.

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

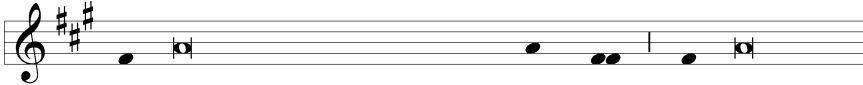


A Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction



IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworker	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	Elders
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley
Ushers	Todd Ottinger, Ryan Ottinger, Ethan Ottinger Jay Werling, Collin Laley, Kaden Laley, Landon Geiger

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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
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	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
	11:30 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

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – TODAY, August 20th at 11:15 a.m.

SEPT. AND OCT ALTAR PREPARATION are still open for Sunday Services. Please consider helping for a couple of weeks or a month. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or you can contact Tisha Laley.

A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be starting on September 19th 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 18th. *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"

BOOK CLUB: The next book club pick will be Katie Schuermanns "House of Living Stones". Anyone is welcome to join. Please let Deaconess Boehm know if you are interested. About the book: In the small Illinois town of Bradbury, change doesn't come often, and it certainly doesn't come easily. So when Pastor Fletcher hires Emily Duke as the new choir director at Zion Lutheran Church, he unknowingly sets in motion a chain of events that turns the life of his congregation upside down.

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 14th 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.

Attention Women of Bethlehem - The next all women meeting will be on Sunday, September 10th from 8AM-8:45AM in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome and invited to attend.

"RALLY DAY" is a special day some churches have used to kick off the first day of Sunday School for the year. At Bethlehem we will be having a Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th after church. We will introduce the Sunday School teachers along with special snacks and game style Sunday school hour. This event is encouraged for all ages to attend and join in the fun. Regular Adult and Child Sunday school in the classrooms will begin Sunday, September 17th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The Bethlehem Pork Chop Carry-out Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 1st. More details coming soon!

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.

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.

Job opportunity - Do you love being with little children and talking to them about God's Word and His love? Then you may be just right for our Wyneken Childcare! We are actively seeking individuals with a heart to serve. Please contact: Jennifer Conrad at 260-909-1118 (jconrad@wyneken.org) or Janine Albert at 260-639-6064 (childcare@wyneken.org).

Offering August 13, 2023

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$11,996.33
Synod	82.83
Loose	277.75
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	70.85
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Memorials	934.38
School Improvement	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$14,712.14

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$740.07

Next week bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$28,000

Savings Account Balance \$40,483.91

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 186/132

Wednesday 18/14

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 Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

What is Romans 10:17?

**Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
Romans 10:17**

What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

What is Ephesians 6:1-3?

**Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”
Ephesians 6:1-3**