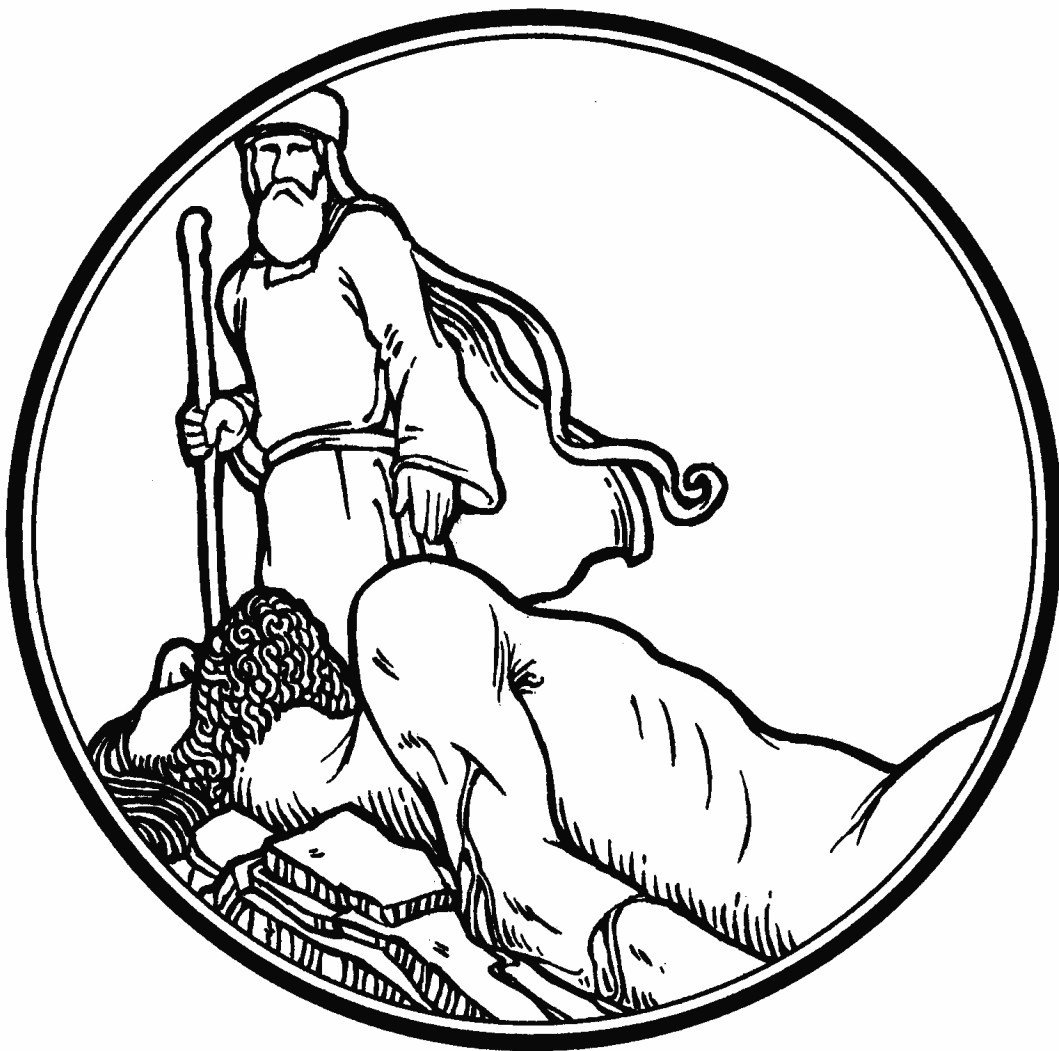


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*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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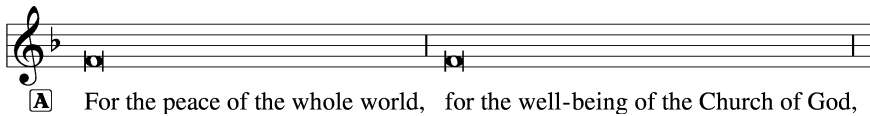
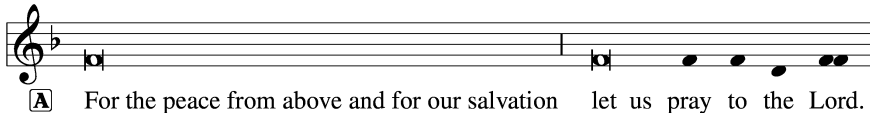
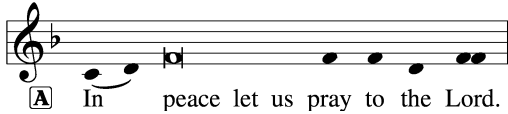
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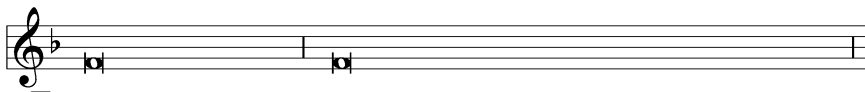
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*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy / Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*  
 Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];\*  
 let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.  
 Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;\*  
 do not forget the clamor | of your foes.

## Kyrie





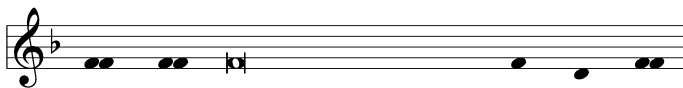
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; 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.

### Old Testament Reading

*2 Chronicles 28:8–15*

<sup>8</sup>The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. <sup>9</sup>But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. <sup>10</sup>And now you

intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? <sup>11</sup>Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

<sup>12</sup>Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war <sup>13</sup>and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” <sup>14</sup>So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. <sup>15</sup>And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**You are the God who works | wonders;\***  
**you have made known your might among the | peoples.**  
**You with your arm redeemed your | people, \***  
**the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

## Epistle

*Galatians 3:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. <sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. <sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. <sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse





## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:23–37*

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “**Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!**” <sup>24</sup>**For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**” <sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “**What is written in the Law? How do you read it?**” <sup>27</sup>And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**” <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “**A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.**” <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup>**Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?**” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “**You go, and do likewise.**”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**G** 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**

**#683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

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

*Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

*Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)*

*Margaret Whitesel*

*Joellen Meyer*

*Normin Bauermeister*

*Lee Braselton*

*Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson*

*David Nahrnold*



**Baptismal blessing:** *Lucas and Anna Haiflich (will be recognized Sept. 10)*

**Marriage blessing:** *Peyton and Destiny (Forker) Laley*

**Thanksgiving** *Lloyd and Joellen Meyer celebrating 51 years of marriage*

**In Time of Disaster:** *Shane Winans and family in Hawaii (Louann's son)*

**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**

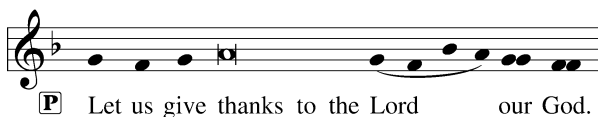
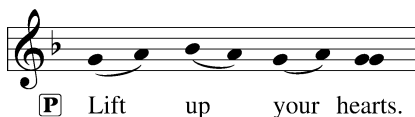
**We pray for all military personnel**

## Offering

## Offertory

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Preface



## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

## Sanctus





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

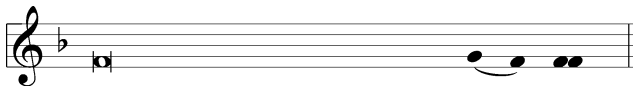
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### 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

#640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

#641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

#555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

#848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

#845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

## Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

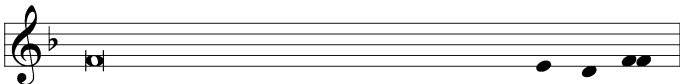
## Post-Communion Collect

**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.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

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

**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**

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

**Fieldworker**

Sem. Morgan Phillips

**Deaconess**

Wendy Boehm

**Head Elder**

Glen Werling

**Elders on Duty**

Glen Werling and Bruce Werling

**Kantor**

Richard Brinkley

**Acolyte**

Elders

**Altar Guild Chairman**

Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	NO	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL	"Labor Day"
<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>	1:00 a.m.	Blanket Sewing (school art room)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 a.m.	Women of Bethlehem Meeting
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	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

**THE FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR** this morning, have been given to the glory of God by Lloyd and Joellen Meyer in thanksgiving of 51 years of marriage on Sept. 2.

**"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.

**CARD SHOWER** – Gloria Siela will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to send her a birthday card: 6305 Sapphire Trail, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

**SOUP AND BAKE SALE!** Sunday, September 10th after church. Ladies, please bring your favorite desserts!

**SHUT IN CARDS** – Please take a minute to send a greeting to of our current member shut-ins. Cards can be found on a table in the north hallway.

**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.  
**Book club date: Saturday, October 21 at Crimson House from 9am-10am, have the book read before we meet.**

**BABY SHOWER –IT’S A BOY!!** The Women of Bethlehem are having an ingathering Baby Shower for Mrs. Streeks our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. Diapers and gift cards would be appreciated and can be left on the table set up in the church hallway thru 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.

The Women of Bethlehem group invites you to a **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Mi Casa Restaurant in Ossian on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We have reserved the outdoor patio (weather permitting) which holds about 30 people. If you would like to attend, please contact Jessica Schumm 260-414-6559. Hope to see you there!

**Womens Bible Study** –The Bible Study books have come in and our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. If you ordered a book you can find your copy in the church office with your name posted to the book. If you have not paid yet, please leave a payment with Deaconess Boehm or place in her Youth Counselor mailbox. Be sure to have the first section read before the meeting.

**Friends of Wyneken Beer & Wine Oktoberfest Fundraiser** - Saturday, September 9 - Event will be held 6:00-9:00 P.M. Doors Open at 5:30 P.M. Dinner begins at 6:30 P.M. Beer and Wine Tasting from 6:30-8:00 P.M. Live music provided by String Theory, (Wayne Erxleben and Rich Schwartz); Silent Auction - For Reservations, call or text 260-437-0420 and see Facebook Friends of Wyneken. Adults Only Must Be 21. **Location is at The Wyneken House 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur IN 46733**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – The Bethlehem Pork Chop Carry-out Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**Come Join Us!** You are invited to attend the Concordia Theological Seminary Guild on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm in Luther Hall on the campus of CTSFW. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Pulse, Director of Certification and Placement. Mark your calendar for Donation day on October 10th. For further information, visit [semguild@ctsfw.edu](mailto:semguild@ctsfw.edu).



**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. We have 3 seats left in our 4 donated tables. If you would like to join us please let DoRena Wirgau (260-273-9241) know asap.

**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.

**Offering August 27, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$11,342</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$7,517.80
Synod	71.83
Loose	262.75
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Memorials	2,445.00
Tuition	2,402.04
Wedding supply	15.00
Reimb. Carpet Clean	477.00
Reimb. Salary	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$14,237.27

**Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$5,661.46**

Next week bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$15,000

**Savings Account Balance \$40,725.61**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 171/115

Wednesday 34/17

**School Gym Use after school hours** – Before using the school gym after school hours, please be sure to contact our current Athletic Director, Josh Boehm. Please call or text him at 260-258-3998 to make arrangements. Thank you

## **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 Seventh Commandment?*

**You shall not steal.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

*What is Ephesians 4:28?*

**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Ephesians 4:28**

*What is the Eighth Commandment?*

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?*

**We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

*What is 1 Peter 1:8?*

**Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 1:8**