

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service One

September 10, 2023

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Opening Hymn

#852 O God of Mercy, God of Might
Choir sings vs 1,3,5

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism *(Lucas Donovan Haiflich and Anna Sue Haiflich)*

Invocation (Please stand)

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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. 151

Introit (sung responsively with the Choir)



Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your appointed!

For a day | in your courts*

is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O | LORD of hosts!*

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the LORD.

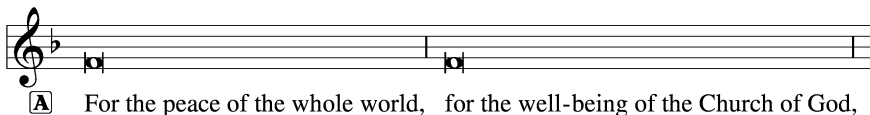
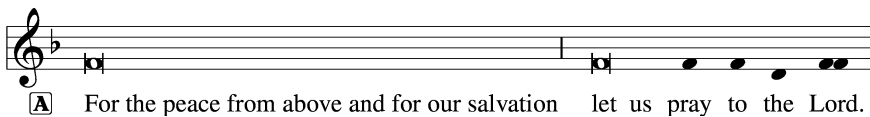
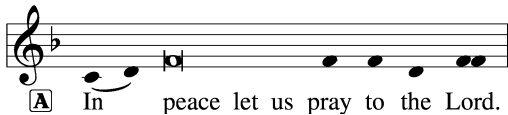
Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*

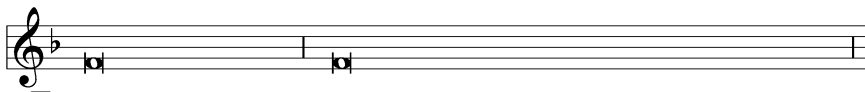
ever sing- | ing your praise!

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house | of my God*

than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
The LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
*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 our shield, | O God.*
 look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day | in your courts*
is better than a thousand | elsewhere.

Kyrie





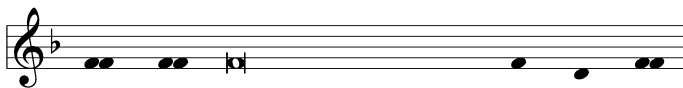
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

O Lord, keep Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because of our frailty we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Proverbs 4:10–23

¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.

¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered,

- and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of the evil.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
- ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness;
they do not know over what they stumble.
- ²⁰My son, be attentive to my words;
incline your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹Let them not escape from your sight;
keep them within your heart.
- ²²For they are life to those who find them,
and healing to all their flesh.
- ²³Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the choir)

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night.

Epistle

Galatians 5:16–24

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, **“Go and show yourselves to the priests.”** And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, **“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”** ¹⁹And he said to him, **“Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, 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

#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Choir sings vs 2

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 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

Offering

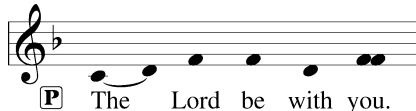
Offertory



G 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.

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



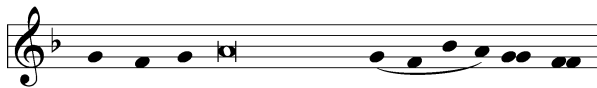
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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:

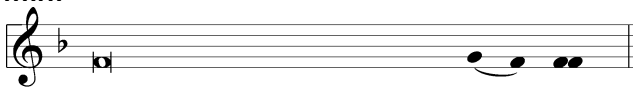
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.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



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

#642 O Living Bread from Heaven

#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#696 O God, My Faithful God

#707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

#895 Now Thank We All Our God

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal 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.

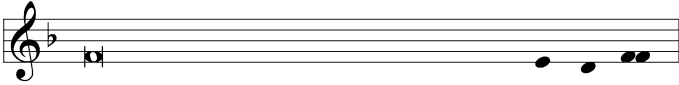
Post-Communion Collect

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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching

Celebrant

Fieldworker

Deaconess

Head Elder

Elders on Duty

Kantor

Choir

Acolyte

Altar Guild Chairman

Ushers

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Rev. Anthony Dodgers

Sem. Morgan Phillips

Wendy Boehm

Glen Werling

Glen Werling and Bruce Werling

Richard Brinkley

Adult Choir

Jude Wirgau and Jacob Bultemeier

Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison

Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Ted Schumm

Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Nathan Meyer

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Rally Day
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	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 or by calling the church office at 597-7121.
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 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.

RECOGNITION OF HOLY BAPTISM - Today we publicly recognize Lucas and Anna Haiflich children of David and Katy Haiflich, who were washed in the waters of Holy Baptism on August 30th. Sponsors are Andrew Stoppenhagen and Shelby Todd. Witnesses were Dale Meyer and Heidi Dettmer. We welcome Lucas and Anna to the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

"RALLY DAY- TODAY" 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.

NEW CATECHESIS CLASS - Mark your calendars. Pastor Wirgau will be offering a class on Christian Doctrine from the Small Catechism for anyone who is interested beginning Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30-6:30. This class will serve as a refresher for current members who would like to continue their catechesis as well as an introductory class to the Christian faith and the teaching of our Church for all who are not members of Bethlehem. All are invited and encouraged to attend and to bring family and friends who may be interested. If you have questions or need more details, please contact Pastor Wirgau.

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

SOUP AND BAKE SALE- TODAY AFTER CHURCH

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 1st and 2nd 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.

The Women of Bethlehem group invites you to a **LADIES NIGHT OUT** at Mi Casa Restaurant in Ossian on Wednesday, September 20th 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 19th 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

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

Plan to join us for the annual Bethlehem Square Dance that will be held on Friday, November 17th at Lighted Gardens with Bill Werling’s band.

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.

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.

Help Wanted – 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.com)

St. Peter Lutheran (Fuelling) Anniversary Church Dinner – Sunday, October 8th from 10:00-1:00pm. Choice of Chicken or Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Drink and Dessert. Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$5.00

Offering Sept. 3, 2023

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$5,607.17
Synod	26.83
Loose	164.97
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	95.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sound System/Video	
Sunday School	
Total	\$5,894.82

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$9,508.63)

Next week bills due: \$15,000

Bills due two weeks: \$5,000

Savings Account Balance \$40,947.49

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$5,500

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 97/85

Wednesday 19/14

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of July 31, 2023:

\$205,927.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009

192,883.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched

246,945.77 - Amount generated since 2009

-124,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009

\$521,256.59 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of July 31, 2023

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 Ninth Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What is Hebrews 13:5?

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5