

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service One

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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 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.

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Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*

for you | answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

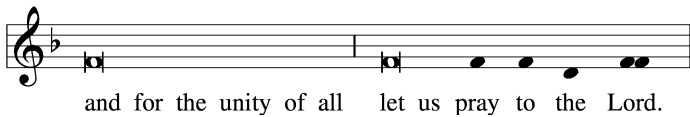
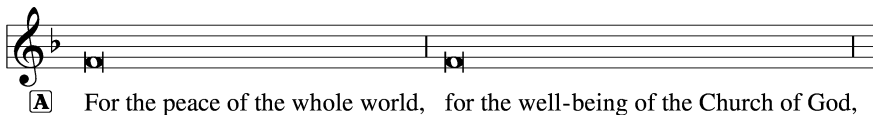
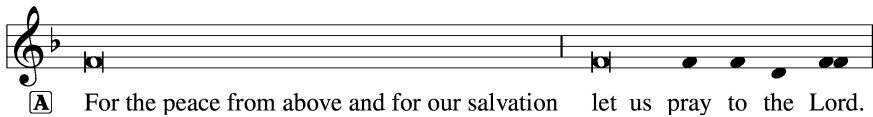
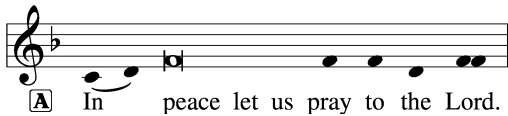
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**

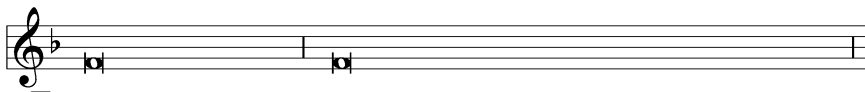
*and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

**For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.**

Kyrie





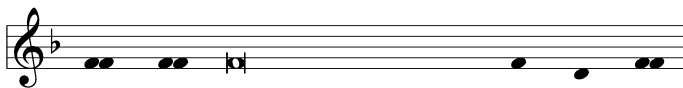
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing

her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (sung by the choir)

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion,*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.
¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 7:11–17

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

#758 The Will of God Is Always Best
Choir sings vs 3

Sermon

INSTALLATION OF NEW FIELDWORKER - William Bales

Prayer of the Church

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

Tom Black (father of Ed Black)

Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister), Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)

Margaret Whitesel, Joellen Meyer

Norwin Bauermeister, Lee Braselton

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

David Nahrwold (in hospice)

Thanksgiving for the birth of baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Streeks

In Time of Sorrow – death of Greg Shelton, father of Brian Shelton

We pray for our members shut-in:

Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Imogene Bultemeier, (Woodcrest)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (home)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

We pray for our schools

We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Offering

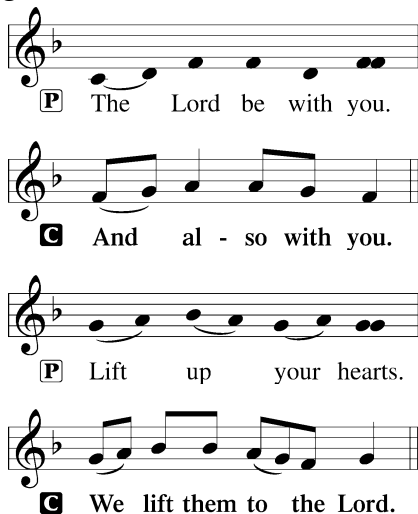
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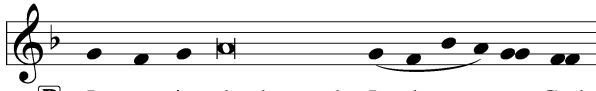
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, 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.**

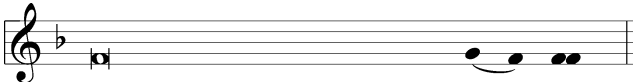
**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

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.

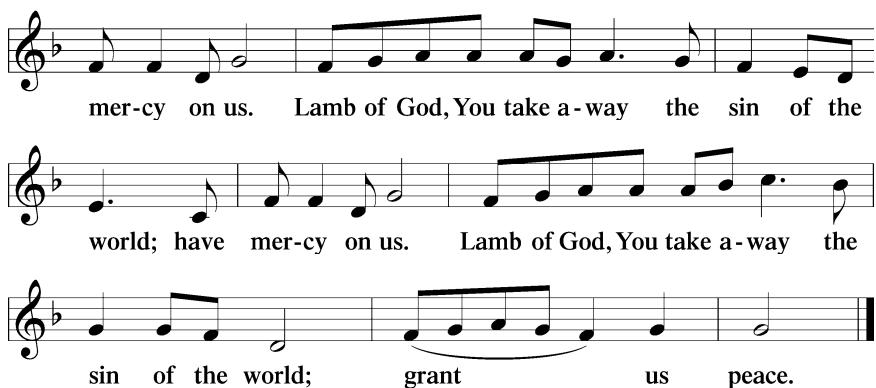


C A - men.

Agnus Dei



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



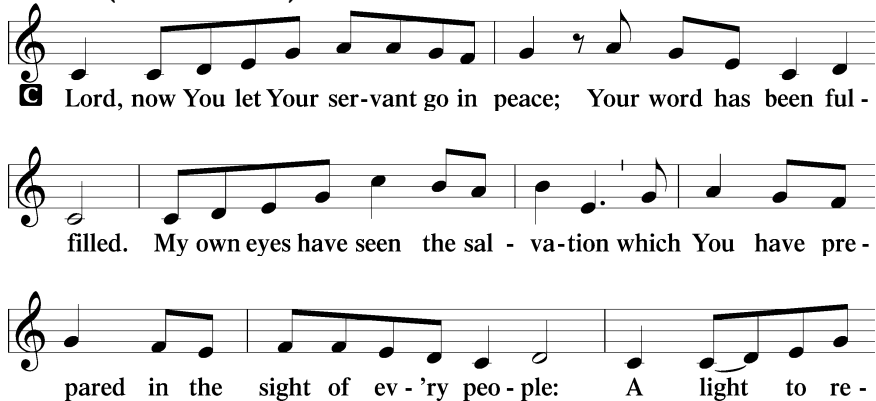
Distribution

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

#619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
 #620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing
 #752 Be Still, My Soul
 #544 O Love, How Deep
 #671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory
 #741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)





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.

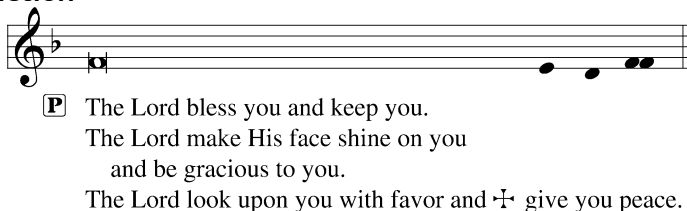
Post-Communion Collect

- 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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#742 For Me to Live Is Jesus

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	Jude Wirgau and Jacob Bultemeier
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Josh Boehm, Rob Meyer, Aspen Fisher
Don Schueler, Ben Schueler, Graham Stoppenhagen, Nathan Householder	

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	1:30 p.m.	Blanket Sewing
	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:00-1:00	Pork Chop Dinner -Drive Thru at Lighted Gardens
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

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

WE WELCOME ALL OUR VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you please complete a green visitor's card from the pew and place it in the offering plate. Also, please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again.

PLEASE WELCOME as our newly assigned Fieldworker, William Bales a first year student at CTSFW. He recently graduated from Concordia University Chicago with a degree in Lutheran elementary education. Grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he attended First Lutheran Church. This is the church he was baptized at in March of the year 2000. He has always had a desire to serve the church in some capacity and began school at Concordia Chicago in the pre-seminary program before switching to Lutheran education to gain some valuable teaching experience before seminary. His favorite hymn is "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe" because it reminds him that God is so much bigger and more powerful than Satan and God is on our side, so we don't need to fear anything Satan throws our way!

The **Bethlehem Pork Chop Carry-out Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, October 1st. Please be sure to place your orders TODAY! Payment will be taken the day of the event in the drive thru line. See flyer inserted in today's bulletin for more details. Volunteers are still needed for this event! Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the north hallway or contact Kathy Nahrwold at 260-705-6257. Thank you

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.

There will be a **WIDOWS CLUB** restarting again. There is a paper form located in the narthex that asks what interests you might have (playing cards, board games, going out to eat, educational, movies, etc.) If you are interested in learning more, please talk to Gail Werling.

FALL FESTIVAL IS ALMOST HERE! Join us October 8th at 4:00 for fun, food, and fellowship! See the flyer inserted in today's bulletin for more information.

The Women's group of Bethlehem would like to include church members and people outside our membership to display their crafts or food for sale during the Holiday Bazaar on November 5. If anyone has not been contacted and wants to be included, please call Joellen Meyer at 260-273-9114 or Diana Thorpe at 260-438-7159 to reserve a spot.

Cemetery Gravestone Saddles – Diana Thorpe has her homemade fall-colored saddles available for \$49. Contact her at 260-438-7159.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Hog Roast – TODAY, 10:30-12:30 pm in the church parish hall. Cost is \$12 for dine in or carry out.

Around the World Silent Auction & Gala tickets are on sale now! Mark your calendar and join us on November 4, 2023 at The Lighted Gardens! Adventure awaits as you travel with us for a night of fun...all while raising money for our wonderful school! Please see the flyer inserted in today's bulletin for more information.

Our teachers work very hard, and we would like to give them a night of fun! We would like to get donations to sponsor 2 tables at our Around the World Silent Auction & Gala for our wonderful teachers and their spouses. Please see Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307, or call the school office 260-597-7366 if you would like to help sponsor their tables. Thank you in advance!

Circuit Forum – St. John, Bingen Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. Information on 2023 Synodical Convention. Everyone is invited to attend.

Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur – Soup & Sandwich Day Friday, Oct. 6 11:00-1:00 & 4:00-6:00pm Dine in or Carry-out.

Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim invites congregational members to attend the Installation Service of Rev. Matthew Ulmer as Pastor on Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m. Light Refreshments will be served following the service in the Dahling Family Life Center.

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

Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim - second annual Women's Retreat, Saturday, October 21st in the Dahling Family Life Center. Registration is from 9-9:30am with the program starting at 9:30a.m. There will be a continental breakfast, snacks and lunch. The program ends at 1:30pm. There will be a minimal cost to attend. Please call the church office to register, 260-547-4248.

Offering Sept. 17, 2023

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$10,398.46
Synod	77.83
Loose	421.25
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	45.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Federal Tax Reim.	12.24
School Tuition	<u>19,822.00</u>
Total	\$30,777.63

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$22,376.25

Next week bills due: \$30,000

Bills due two weeks: \$5,000

Savings Account Balance \$41,039.19

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$22,750

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 157/124

Wednesday 25/16

OCTOBER 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 does God say about all these commandments?

He says: “I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.” Exodus 20:5-6