

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service One

October 1, 2023

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Opening Hymn

#700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Choir Sings vs 3

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism (Beckett Daniel Streeks)

Invocation

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)



Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.

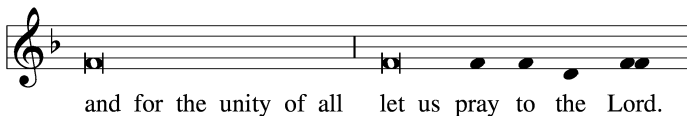
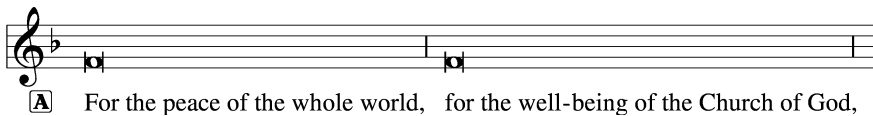
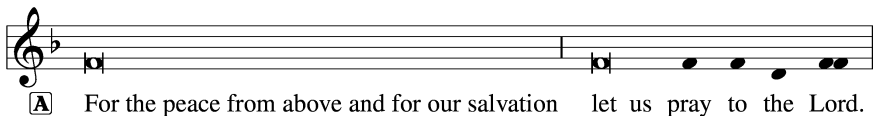
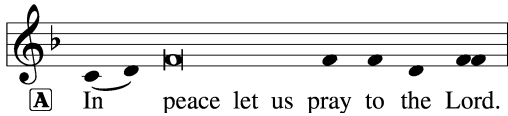
**Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.**

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

**Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.**

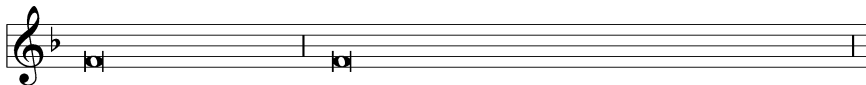
Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
in keeping your | statutes!
Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.
*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**
and to the Holy / Spirit;
*as it was in the be- / ginning,**
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
and right are your | just decrees.
Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie





C Lord, have mer - cy.



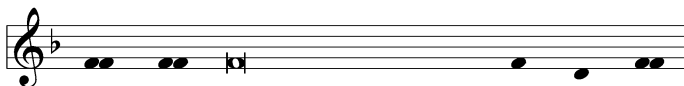
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.
¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response *"Rejoice in the Lord Always"*

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–11

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “**Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?**” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “**Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?**” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“**When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him,**” ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

#557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

Sermon

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)

Baptismal Blessing *Beckett Daniel Streeks*

In Time of Sorrow – *Jackie Peterson (Grandmother of Sem. Phillips)*

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

Offertory



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.

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Preface



P The Lord be with you.



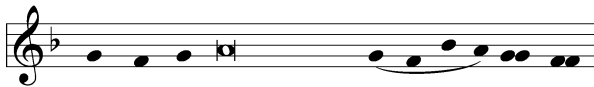
C And al - so with you.



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:

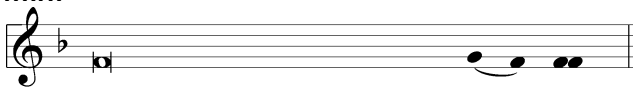
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.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

- #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
#622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
#587 I Know My Faith Is Founded
#585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide
#696 O God, My Faithful God
#846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Nunc Dimittis



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;

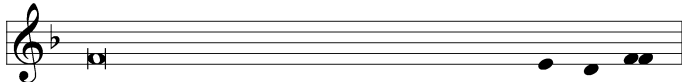
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.



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.



Closing Hymn

#935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworker	Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choir	Bethlehem Junior Choir
Acolyte	Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
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.	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)
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
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
		“LWML Sunday”
	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)
	4-7:00 p.m.	Fall Festival

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

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.

THE FLOWERS PLACED ON THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lois Lutz by her family.

FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMNBOARD this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Deb Meyer's birthday and Rick and Deb Meyers Wedding Anniversary.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF HOLY BAPTISM today we recognize the Holy Baptism of Beckett Daniel Streeks who was baptized on Wednesday, September 27th. Beckett is the newborn son of Brandon and Shaeli Streeks born on September 18th and joins siblings Ella and Nathan. Sponsors for Beckett are John and Anyssa Scaer. We welcome Beckett as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

LWML Sunday will be Sunday, October 8th. The theme is "The King is Coming" Psalm 24:7-10. The Women of Bethlehem will be serving treats following the service.

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 - Join us October 8th from 4:00-7:00p.m. for fun, food, and fellowship!

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.

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! Ticket prices are \$60 individual, \$110 couple, \$440 for table of 8. Purchase your tickets by October 8th and your name will go into a drawing to win \$100 to spend at the auction! Seating is limited so get your tickets today! Contact Jennifer Bultemeier (419-230-8068, Melissa Price 260-433-5307 or the school office for tickets.

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!

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.

Plan to visit the Bethlehem School Book Fair—Sunday, October 8th through Thursday, October 12th in the hallway outside of the school library.

OCT. 21, 3:00 pm– DARTS TOURNAMENT AND FUNDRAISER for Redeemer Classical School at Redeemer Lutheran Church (202 W. Rudisill Blvd. Ft. Wayne). The tournament will be a blind draw round-robin Cricket tournament, with an adult division and an under 14 division. Beginners and experienced players are welcome! Admission for players will be \$15 (includes entry into the tournament, a ticket for a beer or root beer, snacks, one raffle ticket, and lots of good company!). Non-players are admitted for free. Hot dogs will be available for purchase. A raffle will take place at approximately 5:30 pm (must be present to win). Businesses are invited to sponsor a dart board or donate raffle items. For more information, please call Jane Casey at (260) 744-2585 or secretary.redeemer@gmail.com.

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

LWML FALL RALLY – Saturday, October 14th at Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim. 8:30 a.m. registration. Speaker will be Pastor Michael Wakeland, Head Chaplain at Lutheran Life Village. Lunch served with free-will offering for mites.

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.

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. 24, 2023

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$10,860.92
Synod	205.83
Loose	389.55
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	165.85
Endowment Fund	200.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	20.50
Copy Machine Use	32.00
Right To Life Ban.	1,600.00
Total	\$13,474.65

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$1,293.59

Next week bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$12,000

Savings Account Balance \$40,826.45

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: \$19,750

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 201/165

Wednesday 35/24

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

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

What is James 2:10?

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. James 2:10