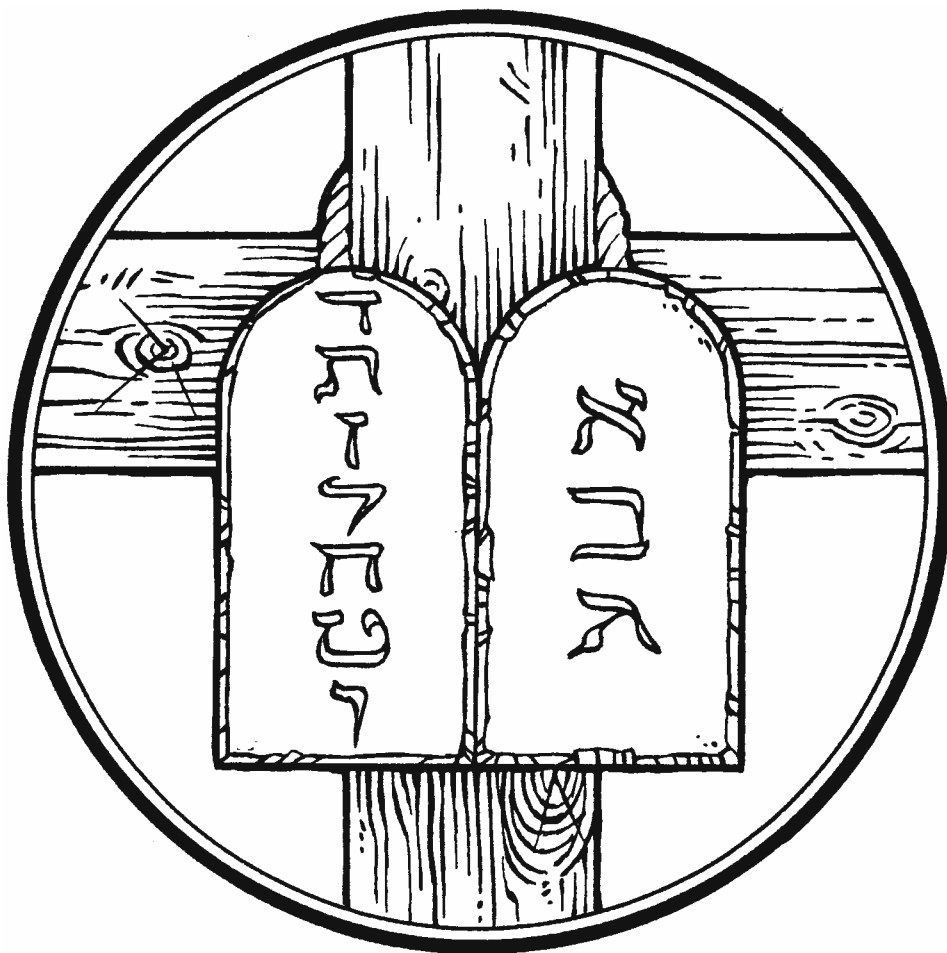


Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

LWML Sunday

Divine Service – Setting One

October 8, 2023

Vol. 125-45

Opening Hymn

#564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

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)



Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.

Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!
For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*

I will | seek your good.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*

and to the Holy / Spirit;

as it was in the be- / ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

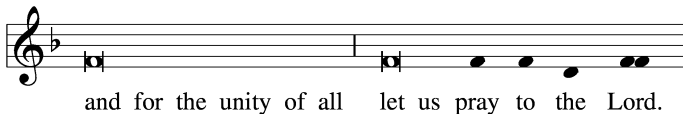
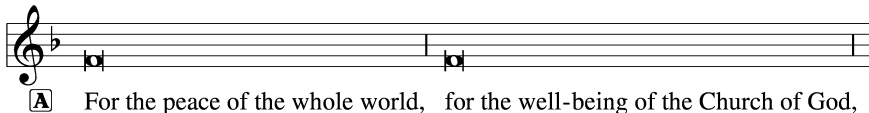
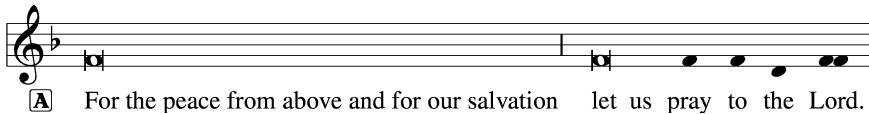
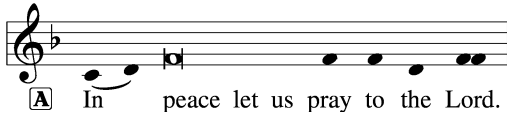
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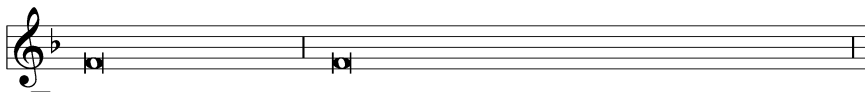
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Kyrie





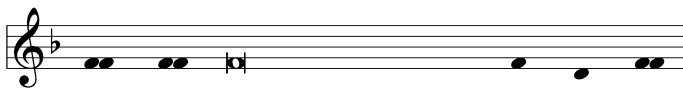
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of

gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response “Be thou My Vision”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

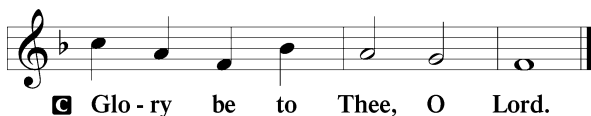
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.

³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great

commandment in the Law?”³⁷ And he said to him, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”**³⁸ **This is the great and first commandment.**³⁹ **And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**⁴⁰ **On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”**⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,⁴² saying, **“What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”** They said to him, **“The son of David.”**⁴³ He said to them, **“How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,”**⁴⁴ **“The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?”**⁴⁵ **If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”**⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

#694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower
Choir sings vs 2 & 4

Sermon

Offering

Offertory

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first line begins with a square neume symbol. The music ends with a double bar line.

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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

Brandon Tomlinson and Vicki Tomlinson

In Time of Sorrow – *family and friends of Lee Braselton*

family and friends of David Nahrwold

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)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

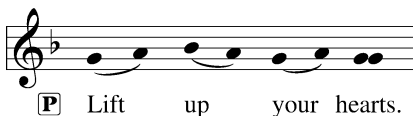
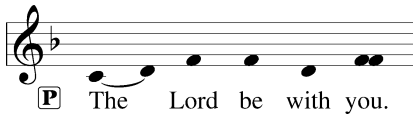
We pray for our schools

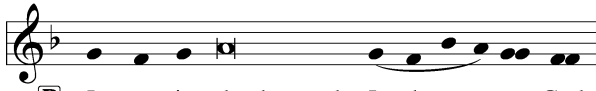
We pray for our Church and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

Preface





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:

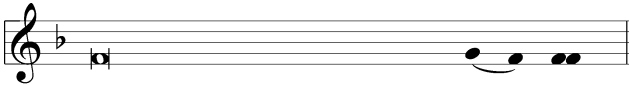
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

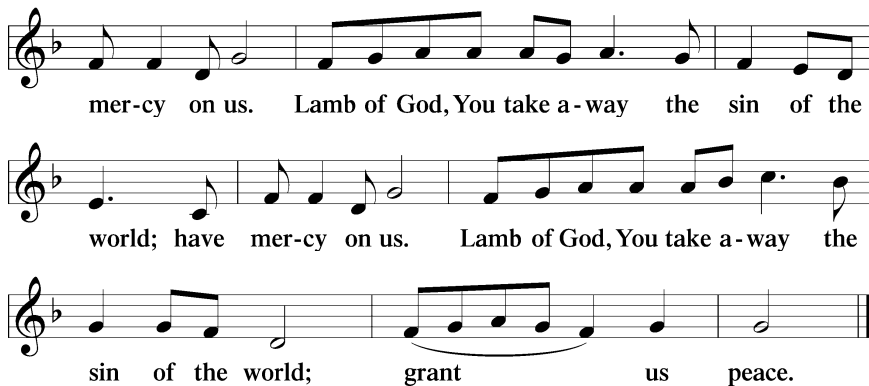


C A - men.

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

#623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

#624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

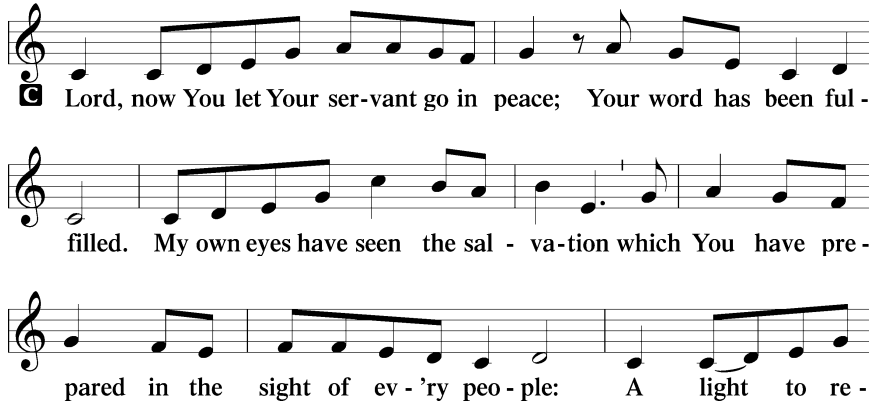
#504 Father Most Holy

#857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

#554 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

#919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Nunc Dimittis





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.

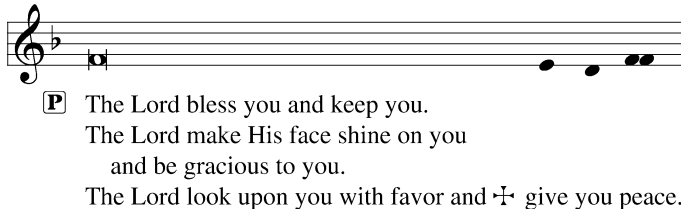
Post-Communion Collect

- 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

#852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Celebrant	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 Handbell and Adult Choirs
Acolyte	Alex Fuhrmann and Vinny Fuhrmann
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless Darren Patrick, Mark Patrick, Cole Patrick

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
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Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley	260-705-4105
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
	11:15 a.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	4-7:00 p.m.	Fall Festival
MONDAY	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:00 p.m.	Endowment Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Spoken Divine Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
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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/bethlehemplutheranchossian> 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.

Today is LWML Sunday. Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and Love with people from all walks of life throughout our community and the world. We invite you for treats in the fellowship hall after the service today. The quilts on the pews were made by our Bethlehem quilters! The quilts will be donated to Orphan Grain Train and to the Northern Wells Food Pantry.

OCTOBER IS CHURCH WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH. Please take a moment to express your appreciation for one or more of these workers by writing a thank you note. Cards and a collection basket are located in the church foyer.

Attention Church Ushers – A new schedule has been made, please be sure to pick your copy up in the church office.

PORK CHOP FUNDRAISER: The Women of Bethlehem were able to raise over \$4200.00 last Sunday! The proceeds will benefit the WOB Project Fund and the Northern Wells Food Pantry. Special thanks to Thrivent for gift cards, Jerry Springer for the use of Lighted Gardens as our location, Lowes of Bluffton for charcoal donation and to everyone who volunteered to make this successful.

There will be a **WIDOWS CLUB** restarting again. If interested, please talk to Gail Werling.

FALL FESTIVAL - Please join us TODAY from 4:00-7:00p.m. for fun, food, and fellowship!

ALL SAINTS DAY - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 5th. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm 260-415-8526 or wmeyer.boehm@gmail.com with their name(s) by October 30th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

Plan to visit the Bethlehem School Book Fair – TODAY, October 8th after church and during today's Fall Festival, through to Thursday, October 12th in the hallway outside of the school library.

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.

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.

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 TODAY October 8th and your name will go into a drawing to win \$100 to spend at the auction! 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!

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, 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 Oct. 1, 2023

Average weekly need \$13,818	
Home Fund Env.	\$7,590.07
Synod	28.83
Loose	256.50
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	95.85
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	8.50
Total	\$7,979.75

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$6,149.69	
Next week bills due: \$12,000	
Bills due two weeks: \$6,000	
Savings Account Balance \$40,923.28	
Borrowed from Savings: PAID	
Operating Loan Debt: \$19,750	

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	155/124
Wednesday	18/14

RECITATION & PRAYER FOR SCHOOL AND HOME

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What are the Ten Commandments?

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it Holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What is the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

- *Additional Memory Work for the week may be recited.*
- *A hymn may be sung.*
- *Scripture Reading and Devotion Lesson*
- *Prayers and Intercessions*

The Lord's Prayer

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

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Learn-by-heart all or some of the provided text as age and ability of your household allows.

What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

What is Hebrews 11:3?

By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. Hebrews 11:3