

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity*

*Divine Service – Setting One*

November 19, 2023

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

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

**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.**

## Introit (sung responsively)



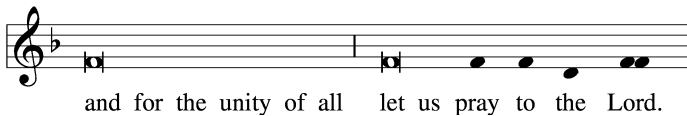
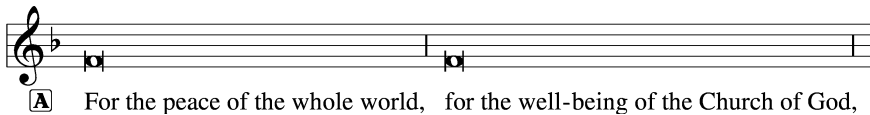
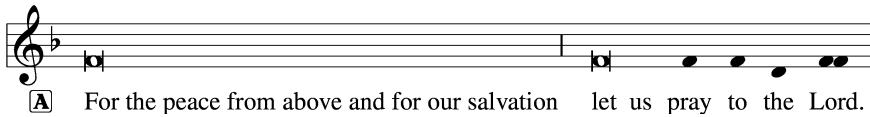
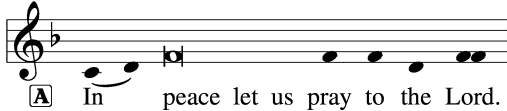
**the heights of the mountains are his | also.**

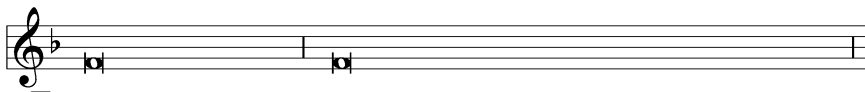
*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*  
and to the Holy / Spirit;  
as it was in the be- / ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down,\*  
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

**For he | is our God,\***  
**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.**

## Kyrie





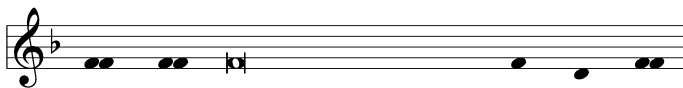
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; 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

*Isaiah 51:9–16*

<sup>9</sup>Awake, awake, put on strength,  
O arm of the LORD;  
awake, as in days of old,  
the generations of long ago.

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces,  
that pierced the dragon?  
<sup>10</sup>Was it not you who dried up the sea,  
the waters of the great deep,  
who made the depths of the sea a way  
for the redeemed to pass over?  
<sup>11</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
<sup>12</sup>“I, I am he who comforts you;  
who are you that you are afraid of man who dies,  
of the son of man who is made like grass,  
<sup>13</sup>and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker,  
who stretched out the heavens  
and laid the foundations of the earth,  
and you fear continually all the day  
because of the wrath of the oppressor,  
when he sets himself to destroy?  
And where is the wrath of the oppressor?  
<sup>14</sup>He who is bowed down shall speedily be released;  
he shall not die and go down to the pit,  
neither shall his bread be lacking.  
<sup>15</sup>I am the LORD your God,  
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—  
the LORD of hosts is his name.  
<sup>16</sup>And I have put my words in your mouth  
and covered you in the shadow of my hand,  
establishing the heavens  
and laying the foundations of the earth,  
and saying to Zion, ‘You are my people.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**You have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.  
I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:9–14*

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**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

*Matthew 9:18–26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



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

<sup>18</sup>While [Jesus] was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “**Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.**” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “**Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.**” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this went through all that district.

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



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

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

#755 In the Very Midst of Life

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

*Donita Yates (cousin of Clara Conrad)*

*Mark Jackson*



*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*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Betsy Dodgers, Kristin Gresley, Hope Gresley, Mariel Kleppinger, Olivia Lambert, Allie Nahrwold, Jessica Schumm, Abigail Springer, Reese Springer, Shelby Todd*

**We pray for protection:** *Pastor and Mrs. Moebring's son Stephen who is in Israel.*

**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**

## 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.

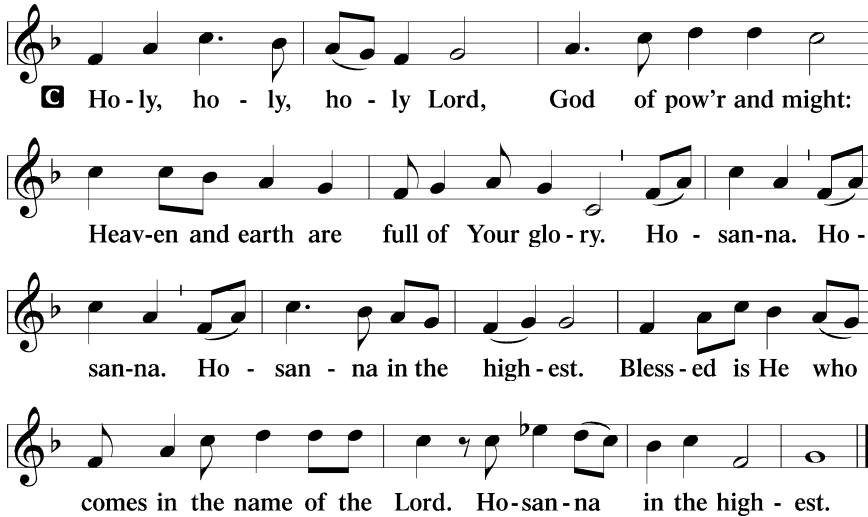
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



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;

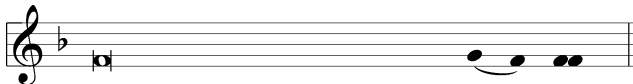
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## 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

**#741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense**

**#713 From God Can Nothing Move Me**

**#758 The Will of God Is Always Best**

**#849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**#548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious**

**#938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart**

## Nunc Dimittis (please stand)



The musical score for the Nunc Dimittis is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C-clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-". The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: "filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-". The third staff continues: "pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-". The fourth staff continues: "veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el." The fifth staff continues: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;". The sixth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men."

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

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

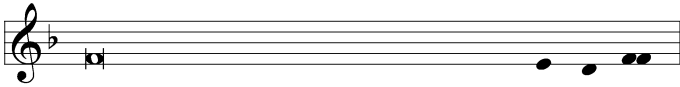
## Post-Communion Collect

**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

**#919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

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

## IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Morgan Phillips and Sem. William Bales
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolyte	Rachel Werling and Lucas Werling
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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Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.BethlehemOssian.org">www.BethlehemOssian.org</a>	

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	School Closed Nov. 22-24
	<b>NO Chapel Service</b>
	NO Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service</b>
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	6:30 p.m. LYF Bible Study

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or by calling the church office at 597-7121.*  
<http://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**THANK YOU** –A heartfelt thank you to all of Bethlehem's members for the many prayers, cards and well wishes over the last few months, especially for my birthday. Gloria Siela

**DOOR OFFERING** – We will be taking a door offering after church **TODAY** for Zachary Bultemeier a former son of our congregation. Zachary is in the Specific Ministry Pastor program at Concordia St. Louis. He is serving as SMP Vicar of Worship and Administration at Trinity Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA where he will continue to serve at the completion of the program.

**COOKIE WALK** – Please sign up to donate cookies for our Cookie Walk on December 10<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is posted on the table in the north hallway.

**BABY SHOWER** – Starting today, November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Women of Bethlehem will be hosting a gift card or diaper shower for Pastor and Betsy Dodgers. A table will be set up in the foyer for your gifts.

**WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS PARTY** for the ladies will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm and held at the Back 40 in Decatur. Cost is \$21.50 each. Please RSVP to Denise Schumm at 260-22-7990 or Tina Geiger at 260-433-1068. If a carpool is needed, please meet at church by 11:30am that day.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION renewal** -This is the time when members can make any changes or additions to the yearly subscription and pay the yearly subscription fee of \$23.16. Please give your payment to Heidi Kleppinger or to Brian Scheumann. Thank you

**SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS** – The Women of Bethlehem will be collecting Christmas gifts for our field workers, Morgan Phillips and William Bales. Donations of gift cards can be given to Judy Moehring or placed in the LWML mailbox in the church office. Gifts can be placed in the box in the church entry.

### **Donations for New Library Bookshelves - Library Improvement Phase II**

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to Phase I of our room swap for the Library and Kindergarten. It was a great success! We are now beginning to raise money for Phase II, which will improve our library with new bookshelves. These will be wooden bookshelves, handmade by a member of our church. This project will also create more space for books, with shelves for all three walls of the new library, which will add room for our collection to grow. Please consider making a donation to this beautiful and useful project. Make checks out to Bethlehem Lutheran School and include a memo: Library Phase II.



## **RECITATION & PRAYER FOR CLASSROOM 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.

*A hymn may be sung.*

*Recite Together:*

*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 bear 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.

*The Apostle's 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.*

*Scripture Reading and/or 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.

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

*What is Baptism?*

**Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.**

*Which is that word of God?*

**Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:**

**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19**

**Offering Nov. 12, 2023**

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$18,143.55
Synod	595.83
Loose	282.25
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Improvement Fund	275.85
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	6.00
School-Phase II	1,919.06
Organ Maintenance	530.00
Lutheran Witness	<u>92.64</u>
Total	\$21,995.18

**Financial Report**

**Home Fund Balance \$2,405.40**

Next week bills due: \$12,000

Bills due two weeks: \$18,000

**Savings Account Balance \$42,409.45**

Borrowed from Savings: PAID

Operating Loan Debt: (\$25,750)

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 197/138

Wednesday 23/18

**November Newsletter items are NOW due.**