

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*The Second Sunday of Epiphany of our Lord*

*Divine Service – Setting Three*

January 14, 2024

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Invocation

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

Order of Holy Baptism pg. 268 (*Louis Jay Schumm*)

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)

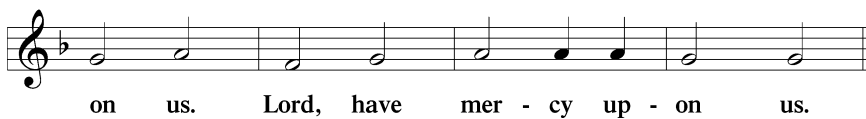


All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
 they sing praises | to your name.  
**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\***  
**to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.**  
 Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*  
 sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!  
**Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\***  
**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.**  
 All the earth worships you and sings prais- | es to you;\*  
 they sing praises | to your name.”  
**Come and see what | God has done:\***  
**he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.**  
 Blessèd | be God,\*  
 because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!  
*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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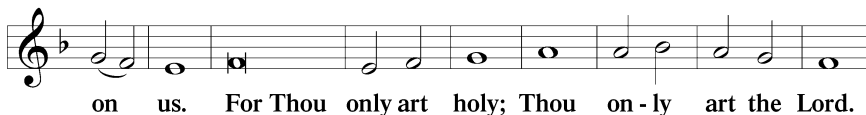
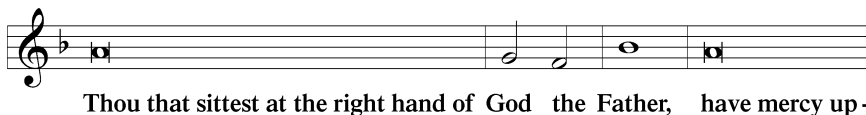
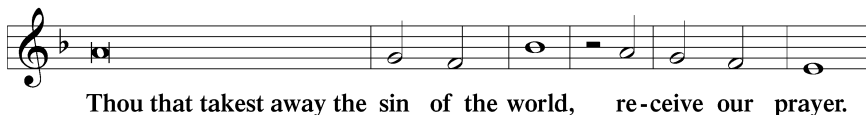
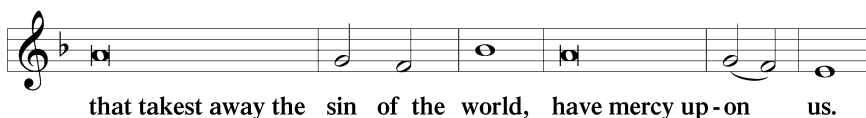
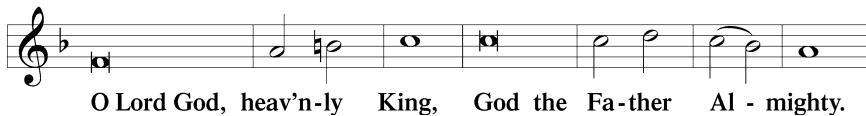
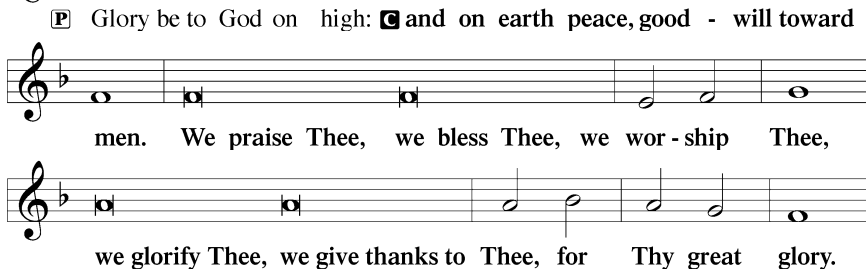
Kyrie

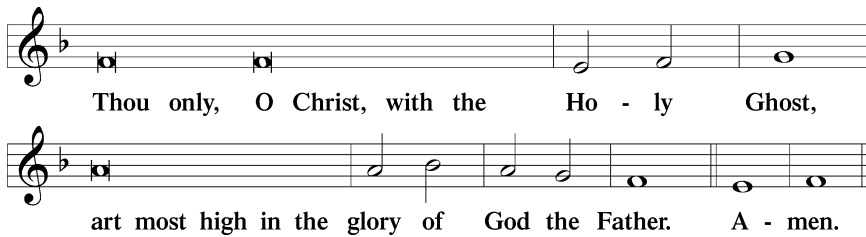


**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



## Gloria in Excelsis

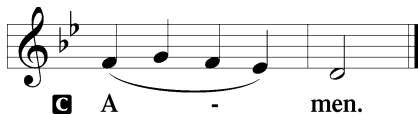




## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 33:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup>Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup>And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup>And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup>For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup>And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on

whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Response “Come thou Bright and Morning Star”

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:22–33*

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

<sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

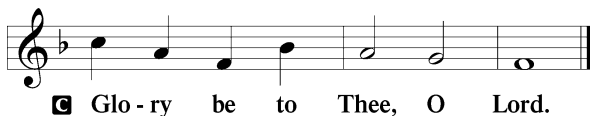
### Alleluia



### Holy Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, **“Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”** <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he

tells you.” <sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, “**Fill the jars with water.**” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, “**Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.**” So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**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

#402 The Only Son from Heaven  
(Chor sings vs #2)

Sermon

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

*Pat Krumma (knee surgery)*

*Patsy Gallmeyer (knee surgery)*

*Joellen Meyer, Norwin Bauermeister*

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

*Joyce Krumma (aunt of Rick Krumma)*

*Donita Yates (Cousin of Clara Conrad)*

*Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)*

*Tom Black (father of Ed Black), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

*Barbara Murphy (Melissa Price's grandmother)*

**Baptismal Blessings:** *Louis Jay Schumm*

**Thanksgiving for the birth of baby** *Arthur David Dodgers (Rev. and Mrs. Anthony Dodgers)*

**In time of sorrow:** *family and friends of our sister Margaret Whitesel*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Kristin Gresley, Mariel Kleppinger,*

*Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Margaret Moore, Reese Springer, Lauren Stoppenhagen, Shelby Todd*

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

**We pray for our members shut-in:**

*Jackie Werling, Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Imogene Bultemeier- in Hospice, Marilyn Meyer (Woodcrest)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

*Gloria Siela (home), Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)*

*Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)*

**We pray for our Church, School and all her workers**

**We pray for all military personnel**

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



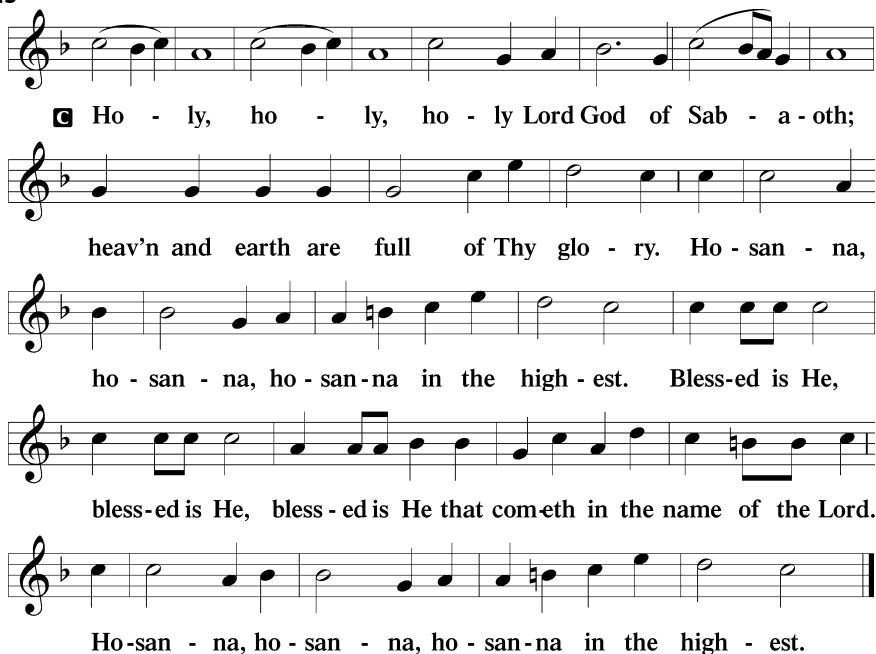
**C** It is meet and right so to do.



## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

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

## Sanctus



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

## 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.



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### 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

#629 What Is This Bread

#394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

#405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

#400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

#401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born

## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

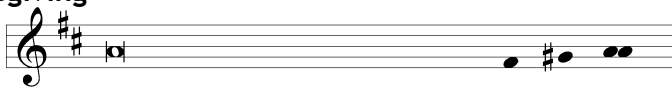
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

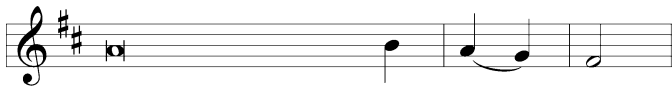
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

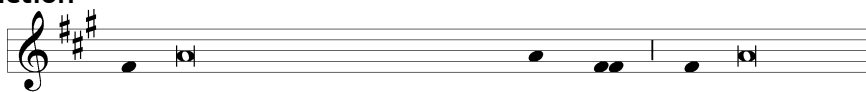


**A** Bless we the Lord.

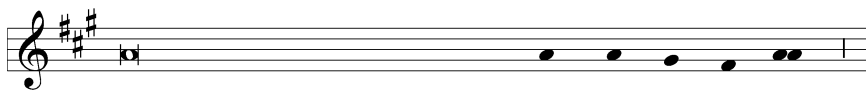


**C** Thanks be to God.

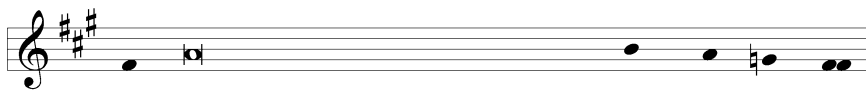
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Recessional Hymn

## #408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast

**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	Dr. Alexey Streltsov
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworkers	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	Adult Choir
Crucifer	Alex Fuhrmann
Acolyte	Jude Wirgau
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Gavin Laley, Nathan Meyer
	Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.BethlehemOssian.org">www.BethlehemOssian.org</a>	

### **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

### **FRIDAY-SATURDAY TBA Bethlehem Varsity Boys Tournament**

### **SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion**

- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Special Voter's Assembly Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*

<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

**BAPTIZED TODAY** into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Louis Jay Schumm, newborn son of Cale and Jessica Schumm. Sponsors for Louis are Graham and Katie Smith. We welcome Louis as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

**SPECIAL GUEST TODAY** – Please welcome this morning, Dr. Alexey Streltsov, President of the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk Siberia, and his wife Elena. Dr. Streltsov will preach for our morning Divine Service and give a presentation during the Bible Study hour. Please come receive Christ's gifts at Bethlehem and stay for this special presentation as we continue to thank God for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Siberia.

**A DOOR OFFERING** will be taken on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for the Lutheran Seminary.

**SPECIAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING** – Sunday January 21, 2024 at 11:15 am  
The possibility of a Vicarage Placement is on the agenda.

**ATTENTION WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM** - There will be an all-women's meeting on Sunday January 21 from 8-845am in the fellowship hall. We will specifically be discussing remodeling the church bathrooms, mounting of the television in the fellowship hall, and possibly relocating the mural in the fellowship hall. We highly encourage all women to attend to voice their opinions and/or concerns. If women cannot be there the 21st, they are welcome to contact Jessica Schumm (260) 414-6559 or Marissa Geiger (260) 417-8033.

### **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.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE** – What are you doing to increase your knowledge of the Bible and God's will for your life? The Decatur Lutheran Bible Institute has a four week course that's right for you. Choose from these courses of study: "The Acts of the Apostles", "The Joseph Narratives", "The Shape of the Divine Service", and "Lutheran Doctrine – The Saving Truth". Classes meet on Tuesday nights January 23, 30, February 6 & 13 at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, Decatur. Minimal time commitment...low cost... no homework! For more information, contact Mike and Linda Bultemeier.

**Please join us on January 21<sup>st</sup>** - A special representative with the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization will have a presentation during Bible Class. Information will be presented on how to become a donor and get a State Tax credit along with how it can help a student with school tuition.

### **CTSFW UPCOMING EVENTS – EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**Evening Prayer with the CTSFW Kantorei** will be held Tuesday, January 16, at 5 p.m. in Kramer Chapel. Evening Prayer brings together the people of God at the end of the day to laud and magnify His glorious name.

On Wednesday, January 17, at 5 p.m., come your hearts and voices raising for a special **Hymn Festival with the Schola Cantorum** in Kramer Chapel. The Schola Cantorum and local LCMS church choirs, directed by Jonathan Busarow and accompanied by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, organist, and professional instrumentalists, will reprise highlights of the Good Shepherd Hymn Festival of November 2023.

The final special worship and music event is **Vespers and a short organ recital**, which will be held in Kramer Chapel Thursday, January 18, at 5 p.m.

**Come join us for our 50th March for Life!** We would love to see your church represented at our March for Life! Bring your banners and posters to show that your church community is Pro-Life! Saturday, January 27, 2024 at University of St. Francis Performing Arts Center 431 W Berry St. Ft. Wayne, IN. Doors open at 11:30am with Rally to begin at noon. Keynote Speaker will be Senator Liz Brown!

### **Offering Jan. 7, 2024**

Average weekly need	\$13,818
Home Fund Env.	\$6,364.97
Synod	123.83
Loose	222.56
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	95.45
Endowment Fund	
Music Fund	
Sunday School	
Gym Rental	100.00
Home Fund Mem	159.30
Worship Anew	10.00
Library Phase II	265.00
Total	\$7,341.51

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$8,298.90</b>
Next week bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$10,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$43,488.16</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	Paid
Operating Loan Debt:	(\$6,750)

### **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	175/135
Wednesday	19/11

***WOB Church Bathroom Project: \$10,387.13***



## 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 the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer?*

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

*What does this mean?*

**God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

*How is God's name kept holy?*

**God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven!**

**But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this heavenly Father!**

*What is Matthew 18:20?*

**[Jesus said] For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20**