

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Second Sunday in Lent*

*Reminiscere*

*Divine Service – Setting Three*

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Invocation (Please stand)

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 184

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
for they have been | from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult | over me.\***

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

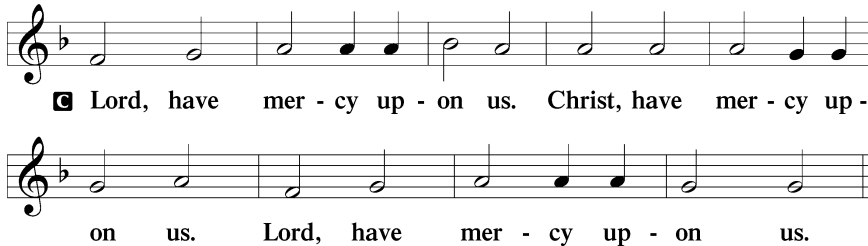
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\***

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!**

Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
 therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.  
**For your name's sake, | O LORD,\***  
**pardon my guilt, for | it is great.**  
*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.*  
 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
 for they have been | from of old.  
**Let not my enemies exult | over me.\***  
**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his | troubles.**

## Kyrie



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

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Response "What Wondrous Love is this"

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–5*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

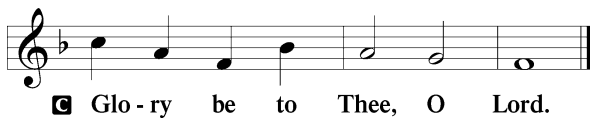
## Tract (sung by the choir)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!  
Who can utter the mighty deeds | of the LORD,\*  
or declare | all his praise?  
Blessèd are they who observe | justice,\*  
who do righteousness | at all times!  
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your | people;\*  
help me when you | save them.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21–28*

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



<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, **“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”** <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, **“It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”** <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, **“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”** And her daughter was healed instantly.

**[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

#615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

Sermon

Offertory



**C** 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:*

*Shelby Evans (stage 4 lung cancer)*

*Sandy Avey*

*Joellen Meyer, Norwin Bauermeister*

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

*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)*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Sierra Patrick, Abigail (Springer) Mayer,*

*Megan Morrow, Margaret Moore, Reese Springer, Lauren Stoppenhagen*

**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 (Kingston)*

*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



**¶** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** 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

#421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing  
#760 What God Ordains Is Always Good  
#734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name  
#779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

### Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)

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,

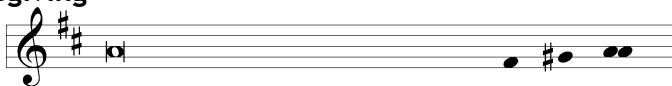
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

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

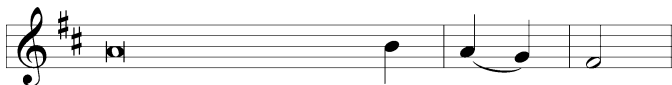
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

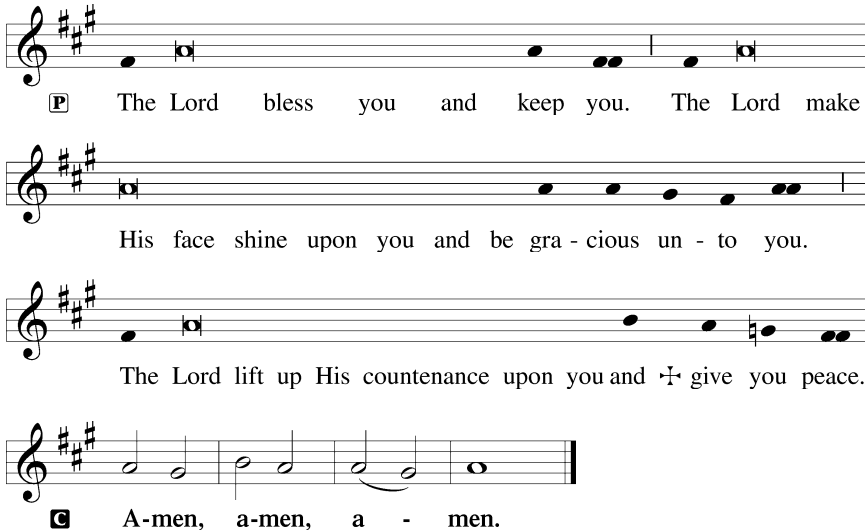


**A** Bless we the Lord.



**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.

## Closing Hymn

## #693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

**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.

**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** - As in years past, for all the Wednesdays of Lent Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution (LSB page 292) from 5:00-5:30 in the sanctuary of Bethlehem for those who would desire this as part of the Lenten devotions. As with the rite of Confession and Absolution that begins each of our Sunday services, the rite for individuals is yet another opportunity for us to confess our sins and receive forgiveness from Christ through the pastor. Every sin does not need to be listed nor do any particular sins need to be named. But for those sins "which we know and feel in our hearts" (Small Catechism) this is a wonderful opportunity to hear and receive the comforting forgiveness of Christ. Pastor will never speak of the sins confessed as he vowed in his ordination. He is happy to familiarize you with the rite either before Wednesday or when you come in. He is also available at other times by appointment. If you have questions, reach out to him.

***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***  
**NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE**

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Preaching**  
**Celebrant**  
**Fieldworker**  
**Deaconess**  
**Head Elder**  
**Elders on Duty**  
**Kantor**  
**Organist**  
**Choir**  
**Acolytes**  
**Altar Guild Chairman**  
**Ushers**

Rev. Samuel Wirgau  
Rev. Anthony Dodgers  
Sem. Morgan Phillips  
Wendy Boehm  
Glen Werling  
Dave Flesch and Steve Conrad  
Richard Brinkley  
Emilie Meyer  
Adult Choir  
Jude Wirgau and Jacob Bultemeier  
Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison  
Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer  
Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Church Council Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
	6:00p.m and 7:00 p.m.	WholyFit Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Private Confession and Absolution
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	6:00. p.m.	Lenten Supper
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lenten Evening Service</b>
	8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00 p.m.	Blanket Sewing
	7:00 p.m.	WholyFit Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>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)

## **WORSHIP SERVICES FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**

Everyone is welcome to join us for Evening Prayer with Holy Communion on Wednesday's beginning at 7:00 pm. Also, feel free to attend the morning Chapel Service at 10:00 am. The Bethlehem Youth and parents will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00pm. and the meal for Wednesday, February 28 is barbeque meatballs, macaroni and cheese, salad and applesauce.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** -TODAY Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.

**DOOR OFFERING TODAY** for Emergency Relief Fund - Several years ago Bethlehem established a small cash fund in order to provide immediate financial assistance for families who experience unexpected financial burdens (medical bills, car repairs, etc.) This fund is used at the discretion and with the approval of the Board of Elders, and is supplied through the generosity of our members through occasional door offerings. This has been very helpful in the past in helping to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2). During this season of Lent and with an increased awareness of giving, **we will be taking a door offering TODAY toward the Relief Fund.** I encourage you to consider helping in these efforts as you are able. - Pastor Wirgau

**CHURCH RESTROOMS**— The remodeling of the church restrooms will begin on Monday, February 26th. Because of the demolition, members are asked to use the school restrooms in the back hallway or upstairs. It is estimated to take 3 weeks for completion. Thank you for your patience.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came out and supported the youth in the chili cook-off at New Hope Lutheran Church last Friday. We had a total of 9 chili entries and several attendees.

**Please take a moment to write a brief note and sign an Easter greeting for our shut-ins. Cards are located on the table in the back hallway by the shut-in bulletin board.**

**Funeral Pre-planning forms** - For those interested in pre-planning, there are church funeral planning forms available on the narthex table. Please return to the church office to be filed. Contact our church secretary, Heidi Kleppinger if questions.

**The Decatur Circuit 2024 LWML Prayer Service** will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church - Union Two, on Saturday, March 2. The theme for the service is Grace, Mercy, and Peace from I Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2. Registration will begin at 8:45 followed by the Prayer Service at 9:00. A brief business meeting will be held followed by a light meal served by the ladies of Immanuel. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **SAVE THESE LWML DATES:**

Spring Rally is Saturday, April 27 at St. John Flatrock

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

## **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.

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH FRIEDHEIM**-Church Dinner, Craft and Custom Dessert Boxes Sale, Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> held in the Dahling Family Life Center. Menu includes homemade chicken noodle and ham and bean soups, pulled pork, sloppy joe and hot dog sandwiches, a variety of homemade salads and pies. The meal is served from 10:30-1:30pm. With din-in and carry out service. The Joyful Voices Choir and Instrumentalists directed by Allison Ulmer will be featured from 11:30-12:30 pm during the meal service. Free-will donations will be accepted with proceeds going towards debt reduction.

**Concordia Lutheran Church and School** is thrilled to host the Singing Saints from St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri on their 2024 domestic tour. The choir will present their concert program at 7pm on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Avenue.

**Year #2 Decatur Circuit Fastpitch Softball reunion** at the Hayloft on Sunday, March 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Same as in 2023 and look forward to seeing you. If there are questions, please contact Jim Hoffman at (260) 413-3767.

## **Offering Feb. 18, 2024**

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$6,596.83
Synod	15.15
Loose	145.36
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	
Ash Wednesday	650.00
SuperBowl Subs	1,024.25
Lutheran Witness	25.00
Total	<u>\$8,507.09</u>

## **Financial Report**

### **Home Fund Balance (\$4,165.29)**

Next week bills due: \$28,000

Bills due two weeks: \$14,000

### **Savings Account Balance \$44,383.56**

Borrowed from Savings: \$2,200

Operating Loan Debt: \$6,000

## **Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday 149/94

Wednesday 74/31

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

***Library Phase II Project: \$6,186.06***

## 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 Conclusion to the Lord's Prayer?*

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

*What does this mean?*

**This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us.  
Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**

*What is 2 Corinthians 1:20?*

**For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20**