

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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Divine Service 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.

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Introit (sung responsively)



God is in his holy habi- | tation;*

[he] settles the solitary | in a home.

The God of Israel—he | is the one*

who gives power and strength to his | people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered;*

and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;*

they shall be jubilant | with joy!

O God, when you went out before your | people,*
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;*

God is our sal- | vation.

*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

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things

that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;*
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“**Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.** ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

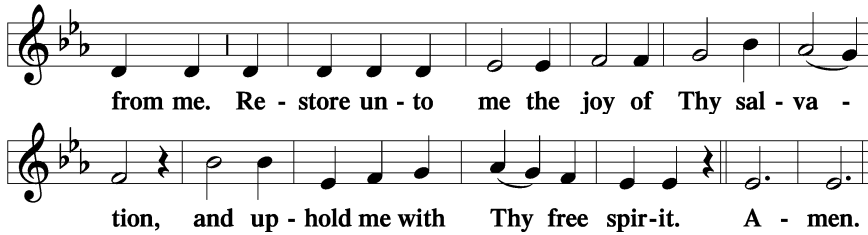
#559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

Sermon

Offertory

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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

Garrett Werling

Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel, Sandy Avey

Rhett Nahrwold (2 year old son of Adam and Allie)

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgan)

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: *Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Lynae Laley, Danielle Campbell*

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

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Gloria Siela (living with son, Gary)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

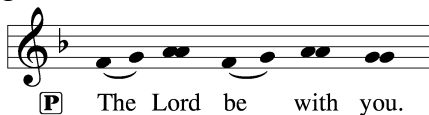
Norwin Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

We pray for all military personnel

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Preface



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

C 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.



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

- #640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior
- #641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
- #609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
- #433 Glory Be to Jesus
- #684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

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.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

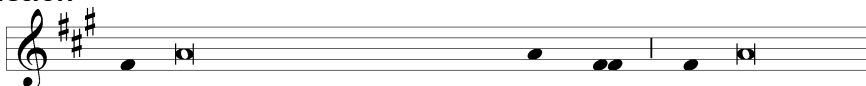


A Bless we the Lord.

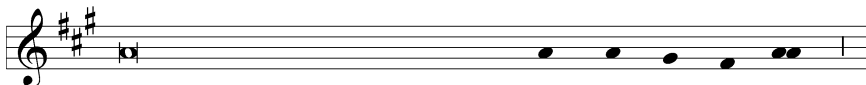


G Thanks be to God.

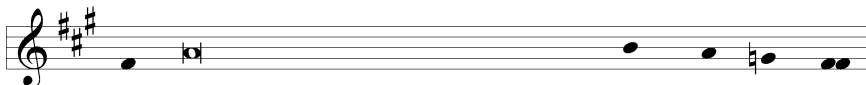
Benediction



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.



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Morgan Phillips
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Deacon	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Glen Werling and Bruce Werling
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolytes	Elders
Altar Guild Chairman	Tisha Laley and Cheryl Louison
Ushers	Gavin Laley, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

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)
	4:00 p.m. School Parent Meeting and Dinner (sanctuary)
TUESDAY	5:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SATURDAY	9:00 a.m. Women's Book Club Meeting (Crimson House)
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
	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)

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 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, August 18th at 11:15 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL -Please join us TODAY for Sunday school classes. We will be discussing different sections of the catechism each Sunday. There will be a class for adults (Fellowship Hall), preschool-2nd (1-2 Classroom), and 3rd-8th grade (3-4 Classroom). We will have regular Sunday school classes beginning after Labor Day. Along with the regular Sunday School classes, we will also be offering a Nursery age class (crawling-age 2). This class will go along with the Enduring Faith Sunday School Curriculum we currently use in the other classes. The purpose of this class is designed for toddlers to engage in God's word at an age-appropriate level. Depending on age and number of children, parents may be asked to stay. We are also looking for gently used bouncers, pack and play, etc. for this class (Thrivent Cards) if anyone has any they would be willing to donate. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please speak with Mrs. Phillips or Deaconess Boehm.

Summer Book Club wrap up will be Saturday, August 17th at 9:00am at Crimson House. We will be discussing "The Women" and "Pride and Prejudice". All are welcome to attend.

Women's Bible Study opinions: LWML Bible studies the 2nd Monday of every month starting August 12th at 2pm.

"Ragged: Spiritual Disciplines for the Spiritually Exhausted" offered the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 starting August 13th through November 26. If you are interested or need a copy of the book (\$13 paperback or available in kindle or audiobook) contact Deaconess Boehm.

Youth Bible Study: After much interest in starting a middle school youth group, we are pleased to announce this opportunity will be happening this fall. This will be between Bethlehem and New Hope Youth. Starting in August, we will have the middle school youth (5th-8th) meet the same days/times as our high school youth which is every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6:30pm-8pm. Kick Off event with Taco Bar will be Sunday, August 25th at Vicar and Mrs. Phillips house at 6:30. An email was sent out to parents with more information. If you did not receive the email but are interested in learning more, please contact Deaconess Boehm or Vicar Phillips.

DONATIONS FOR SACRISTY IMPROVEMENTS--We are raising money to improve the Sacristy. We would remove the closet to add more needed space to prepare and clean up communion and other altar duties. A church member has graciously offered to help with this. We are also looking into putting in a piscina to allow the water to go directly to the ground rather than carrying containers of the wash water outside. Please consider donating to this project. If you have any questions, please see Denise Schumm, Tisha Laley, or Cheryl Louisan. Make checks payable to "The Women of Bethlehem", with memo: Sacristy Improvements.

THERE IS A GARDENERS TABLE SET UP IN THE NORTH HALLWAY for those who would like to share their garden crops or for those wanting to enjoy taking what is on the table.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Right to Life of Northeast Indiana's fall banquet is Monday, October 14 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. The Keynote speaker will be actor Jim Caviezel! Tables are now open to sponsor! Individual tickets will go on sale soon! Please view the following link for more information and details.
<https://www.ichooselife.org/resources/events/upcoming-events/uniting-our-county-for-life-banquet> ***We have a small group attending from Bethlehem. If interested in participating, there is a sign up sheet located in the church narthex on the Right to Life table or please contact Pastor Wirgau.***

LADIES, DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER! WOMEN'S RETREAT – Sept. 27-29
This is not your typical women's retreat! Spend an incredible fall weekend at Camp Lakeview in Seymour, IN, and enjoy adventures that range from the extreme (like zip lining) to the relaxing (like hot tubbing under the stars). Experience a huge faith boost through intentional times of worship, campfire devotions, speaker sessions with CPH author, Donna Snow, and personal quiet time. Get away from the stress of ordinary life to rest and enjoy a different change of pace. Enjoy fellowship with women of all ages and leave with new-found connections and friendships. This is a weekend for YOU! Register online at <https://lakeview.camp/women/>. If you would like to stay with friends, you can request your roommates when registering. After registering, please sign up on the sheet located on the WOB bulletin board in the North hallway so we know who is attending or contact Deann Oliver for more information (616-894-0144).

Upcoming Decatur LWML events are: Saturday, September 14 is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter Fuelling. Our speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock who will give us an update on the Tanzania Children's Home. A free-will offering will go towards the Tanzanian Mission. Saturday, October 5 is the SRD (Spiritual Resource Department) Workshop at St. Paul – Preble. We will be marking Bibles for prisons and local missions.

GriefShare: GriefShare provides a safe environment to help navigate loss through a grief support group (www.griefshare.org). A group is being offered at Emmanuel Soest (9909 Wayne Trace in Ft. Wayne) on Saturday, August 17, at 10 a.m. and continue through November 9. Each session lasts about 2 hours. You may register with Mary Hines at mh9744@gmail.com or call her at 705-0454 or 483-1487. Contact Deaconess Boehm for more information 260-415-8526.

We will be continuing what used to be "**The Widow's Club**" and recreating it to incorporate not only widows but also single, divorced, homebound, and others in need of companionship/fellowship. The first event will be on Sunday, August 25th at "Great Wall Buffet" (3824 W Jefferson Blvd). We can leave from church to carpool or can meet at the restaurant. Contact Gail Werling 443-1413 if interested in attending or if you need a ride.

Shakespeare at the Dodgers' Home - One of the best parts of reading or watching Shakespeare is getting the jokes! But some of us need a little help following it sometimes. It can help to read and talk about the play before you go see it. A couple of our church members are performing in Bluffton (September 13-15) in Shakespeare's play, *Much Ado About Nothing*. So you're invited to gather at the Dodgers' home to read it in advance and get some explanation along the way. You can take part in the reading or just follow along and listen. No worries if you have no experience with Shakespeare. It's a fun story. Weather permitting, we'll sit outside, so please bring a lawn chair. Snacks to share are welcome but not required. We will also provide some copies of the play. We will meet on three Saturdays, August 24 & 31 and September 7, from 1-3pm. Address: 812 N Jefferson St, Ossian.

A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen. At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

Sunday September 15 - WOB all women's meeting at 8am in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday October 1 - WOB Board meeting at 7pm in Fellowship Hall

DIAPER DRIVE – We will be collecting diapers for the Women's Care Center in Fort Wayne and the Hope Clinic in Decatur. Starting Wednesday, August 21- September 11th. Collection boxes will be in the church narthex. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information.

Offering August 4, 2024

<u>Average weekly need</u>	<u>\$13,818</u>
Home Fund Env.	\$10,567.97
Synod	40.15
Loose	257.35
Scholarship Fund	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	443.00
Music Fund	
Sunday School	
Memorials	
School Tuition	1,100.29
Reimb Vicarage Rent	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$13,159.26

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$6,701.93
Next week bills due:	\$13,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$6,000
Savings Account Balance	\$92,787.98
Borrowed from Savings:	\$26,300
Operating Loan Debt:	\$0.00

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday	170/123
Wednesday	20/10

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 Commandment?

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

What is Deuteronomy 6:4-5?

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

What is the Second Commandment?

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

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

What is Isaiah 12:4

**“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.” -Isaiah 12:4**

Adult Fellowship Group

- **Purpose:** The purpose of this group is to provide fellowship among those widowed, single, homebound and others in need of companionship.
- **Structure:** This group will meet at least once a month.

Sat. Aug 17 10 am GRIEFSHARE
Emmanuel Soest

Sun. Aug 25 Noon SHARE A MEAL
Great Wall Buffett-Fort Wayne

Sun. Sept 22 Noon CARD GAME/CARRY IN
Church Fellowship Hall
Talk about group name/future ideas

Sun. Oct 14 5:30 pm RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

Sun. Nov 10 Noon SHARE A MEAL
Rich's Cafe-Waynedale

Sun. Nov 17 3-5 pm GREIFSHARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
Hope Missionary Church-Bluffton

Sun. Dec 8 Noon CARDS/GAMES/PIZZA
Church Fellowship Hall

Mon. Dec 17 9 am HELP WITH FRUITBASKETS
Church Fellowship Hall

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



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