

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*Divine Service - Setting One*

January 19, 2025

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Pre-Service Music *Bethlehem Handbell Choir “As with Gladness, Men of Old”*

Opening Hymn

#408 Come, Join in Cana’s Feast

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 (*Roselin Pearl Campbell*)

## Service of the Word pg. 151

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!

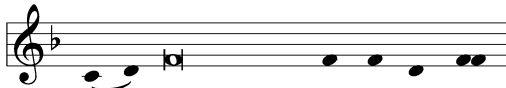
***Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;***

***as it was in the be- / ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.***

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.**

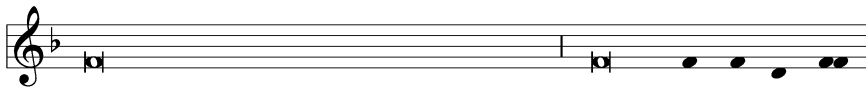
Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



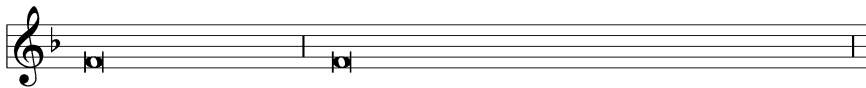
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



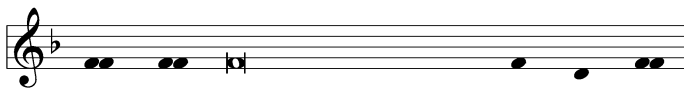
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

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.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Amos 9:11–15*

<sup>11</sup>“In that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
<sup>12</sup>that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,”  
declares the LORD who does this.  
<sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.  
<sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.  
<sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says the LORD your God.

**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 and Verse

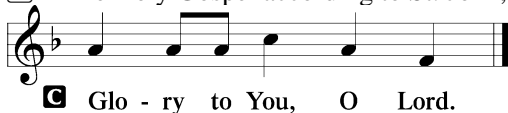


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 2:1–11*

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



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

<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.



**C** Praise to You, 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

#### We remember all those in need of continued strength and healing

*Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)*

*Ed Thiele (brother of Martha Bauermeister in hospice), Hildegarde Bauermeister*

*Enoch Krenzke (Dan and Sue Bachinger's grandson recovering from pacemaker surgery)*

*Cathie Kammer (friend of Sylvia Wann recovering from a broken wrist and hip)*

*Carla Wiederhold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)*

*Sandy Avey, Dale Meyer, Gail Werling, Garrett Werling*

*Bryce Bonman, Ron Whitesel*

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

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

*Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

#### Baptismal Blessings: *Roselin Pearl Campbell*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Amelia Phillips, Reese Springer, Allie Nabrvold*

*Wendy Boehm, Destiny Laley, Shaeli Streeks*

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

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

*Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)*

*Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)*

*Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)*

*Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)*

*Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)*

*Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)*

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

#### We pray for all military personnel

## Offering

### Offertory



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.

## Service of the Sacrament pg. 160

### 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.

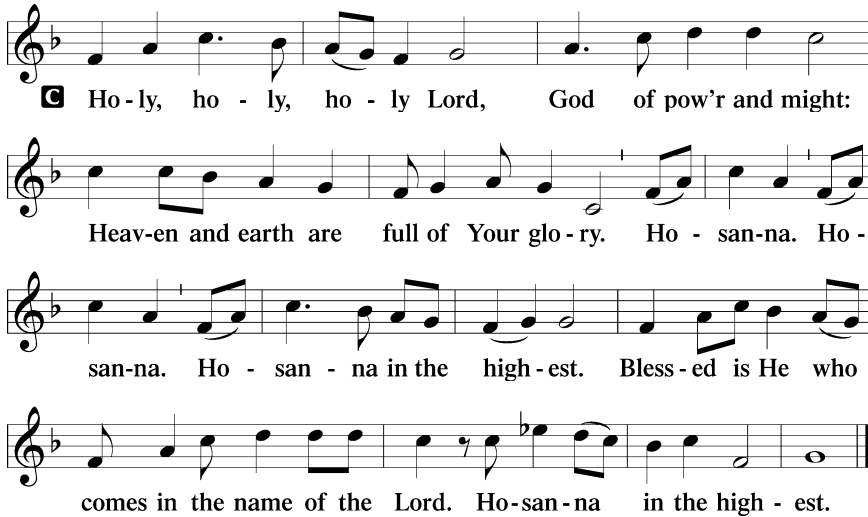
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be Thy name,**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done on earth**  
**as it is in heaven;**  
**give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us;**

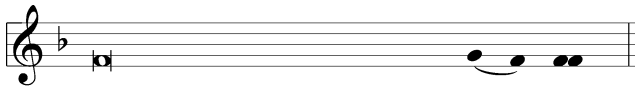
and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
**For Thine is the kingdom  
 and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



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

- #630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling
- #631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face
- #859 Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest
- #822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring
- #860 Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

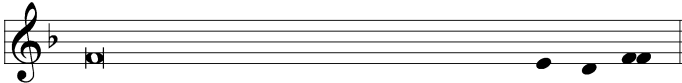
**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction



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

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## #400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

**WE WELCOME ALL 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. If you are a visitor to today's service, please take a moment to sign one of the register books located in each of the church foyers. If you would like to be contacted by the pastor or an elder, then please take a moment to fill out one of the green cards on the narthex tables and give it to an elder or drop it in the offering collection plate. Thank you!

## IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Morgan Phillips
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Steve Conrad and Bruce Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Choirs	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
Acolytes	Jude Wirgau and Matthew Rekeweg
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer
	Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Nathanael Werling, Jacob Werling

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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel Service</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Spoken Divine Service</b>
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>		WOB Blanket Sewing
<b>FRIDAY– SATURDAY</b>		Bethlehem JV Girls Tournament
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*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 Roselin Pearl Campbell, newborn daughter of Collin and Danielle Campbell. Sponsors for Roselin are Cale and Jessica Schumm. We welcome Roselin as a member of the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

**During times of inclement weather**, Pastor Wirgau will continue to conduct church services. However, we recommend that if you feel uncomfortable with the road conditions and do not wish to take a chance on coming to church, then please remain at home. Your safety is paramount to us.

**First Communion Forum** - The Elders are planning to hold a third meeting in February to discuss First Communion and we would love to hear from you! The forum is scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd, following Divine Service. It will be held in the Sanctuary. When signing up for Holy Communion this morning, you may notice a box that looks like a present on the north narthex table. If you have a question that you would like to ask for our upcoming forum on Early Communion, and you wish to remain anonymous, please take the time to write your question on a slip of paper at home (or here), bring it to church, and place it in the box. The box will remain on the table, sealed, until after Divine Service February 16th. **The Elders will hold a special meeting February 2nd following Bible Class to discuss and plan the February 23rd forum.**

**INFORMATIONAL USHER MEETING** -All ushers are asked to meet with the Elders in the overflow following Divine Service on January 26th. During the meeting, we'll be discussing the duties of an usher.

**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 Mind and the Soul", "Love is All You Need", "Mission Belongs to the Church Like Heat to Fire", and : "Petty Tyrants – Humanity's Questy for Power When Authority Isn't Enough". Classes meet on Tuesday nights January 28, February 4, 11, 18 at Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, Decatur. Minimal time commitment...low cost... no homework! For more information, contact our church representatives, Ted and Denise Schumm.

**Ordination of Zachary Bultemeier**, Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church 2315 N Parham Road Henrico, VA 23229. The service will also be available on livestream <https://www.tlcrva.org/Worship>

**Chapel Mission Project** – Bethlehem is having a “Penny War” between the school chapel families to help with our current chapel project to Lutheran Senior Ministries. There will be opportunities for the church and school to work together on donations. There are buckets located in the hallway during school days and in the church on weekends. Each bucket has the name of a chapel family. How to play: Pennies and dollars (\$1, \$5, \$10, etc.) count as positive points, silver coins (nickels, dimes, quarters) count as negative points. The chapel family with the most points at the end of the third quarter wins. All are encouraged to participate in this race!

**CRAFT FOR A CAUSE** – “Ladies, pack up your crafting supplies and join us for 12 hours of fellowship, food and uninterrupted crafting fun!” The Women of Bethlehem will be hosting this event on Saturday, March 1 in the church Fellowship Hall from 7am-7pm. Registration forms are available online thru our website, blcsossian.org or on the table in the church foyer. Contact Deann Oliver for any questions.

**The Church Audio / Video Team** is in need of more volunteers to help on Sunday mornings and special services. Please contact Evan or Reese Springer if interested and for more information. Thank you

**Offering January 12, 2025**

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$12,246.53
Synod	20.15
Loose	181.18
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	50.50
Endowment Fund	25.00
Music Fund	
Copy Machine Usage	31.00
Reimb Vicarage Rent	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$13,379.36

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance (\$5,979.61)</b>
Next week bills due: \$14,000
Bills due two weeks: \$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance \$48,346.17</b>
Borrowed from Savings: \$16,300
Operating Loan Debt: \$0.00

**Church/Communion Attendance**

Sunday	171/120
Wednesday	13/10

**The 2024 Offering Tax Statements are now available in the north church hallway.**

Please note that total donations of \$100 or less were not printed. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you

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

**Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?*

**The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

*How does God's kingdom come?*

**God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

*What is Colossians 1:13-14?*

**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14**