

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Second Sunday in Lent

Divine Service - Setting Three

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Introit



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.

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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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you.



G 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.



G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–32

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

Gradual

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged; *
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble, *
and forgive | all my sins.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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 (please stand) (sung by the congregation)

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.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And 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.” ²³But 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.” ²⁴He answered, “**I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “**It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.**” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then 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.



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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

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

Donna Schumm, Hildegard Bauermeister, Gail Werling

Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)

Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)

Bryce Bowman, Ron Whitesel

Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

Sandra Flum (Susan Grafi's sister)

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Amelia Phillips, Reese Springer, Allie Nahrwald, Wendy Boehm*

Destiny Laley, Shaeli Streeks, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Molly Kleppinger, Betsy Dodgers

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)

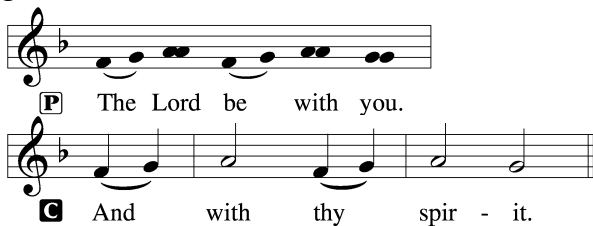
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)

Norwin and Martha Bauermeister (Astral in Auburn)

We pray for our Church, School and all her workers

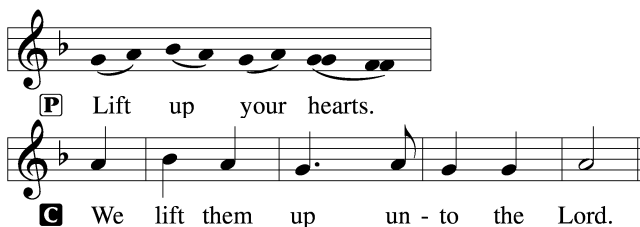
We pray for all military personnel

Preface



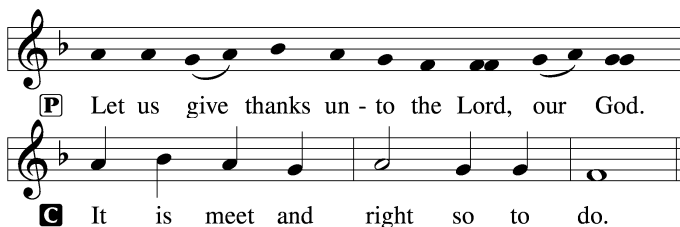
P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



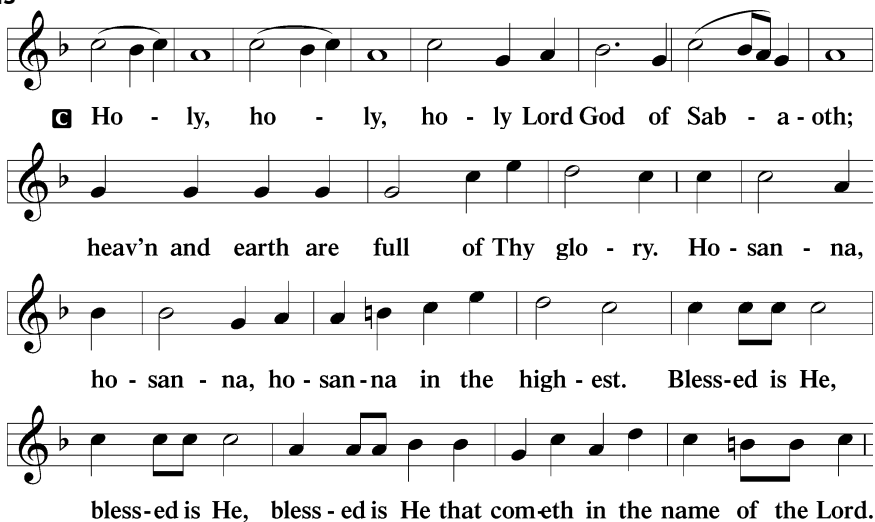
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

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



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.



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

- #622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
- #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
- #562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
- #779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care
- #421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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

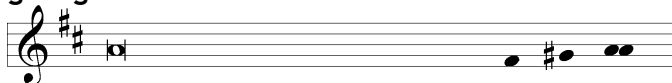


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



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.

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

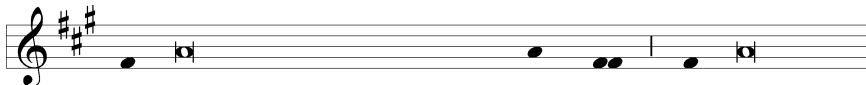


A Bless we the Lord.

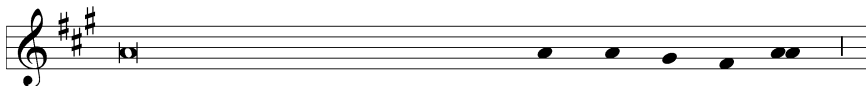


C Thanks be to God.

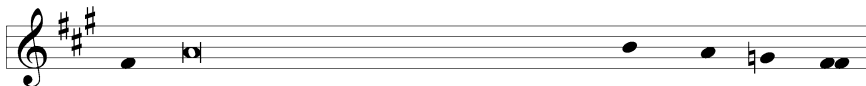
Benediction



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

#754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Morgan Phillips
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Deacon	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Acolytes	Jonah Bultemeier and Lucas Werling
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Travis Avey, Jeff Gresley, Dean Scheumann
	Peyton Laley, Gavin Laley, Kyle Patrick, Aaron Anthony

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TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY	6:00 p.m.	PTL Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:15 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Youth Room)
	5:00- 5:30 p.m.	Private Confession and Absolution
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Lenten Service
		Adult Choir Practice
FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL – (Spring Break March 21-28)	
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Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at bethlehemossoniansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemplutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS this morning to our church and worship service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. Please be sure to introduce yourself to the Pastor and to others in attendance and feel free to worship with us again. Thank you!

BAPTIZED TODAY into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Alie Newnum and daughter Freyja Hancock. Sponsors are Mike and Linda Bultemeier. We welcome Alie and Freyja to the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

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 Services at 10:00 am. The Bethlehem Youth and parents will be serving a Lenten Dinner beginning at 6:00pm and the meal for Wednesday, March 19th Sloppy Jo's, Hot Dogs and Chips.

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available to anyone and copies are located on the scrip table in the church foyer. The illustrations are from the students at Bethlehem Lutheran School, assembled by Deaconess Boehm and Vicar Phillips.

SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – SUNDAY, March 30th after Bible Class.

RESCHEDULED: LWML Bible study will take place THIS Monday at 2:00pm.

Our next book club pick: "The Last Bookshop in London" by Madeline Martin. This book is available through Bethlehem's online book fair which is going on through March 17th. We will meet to discuss the book on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00am at crimson house. Happy reading!

BABY SHOWER – We would like to shower Vicar and Mrs. Morgan Phillips who are expecting their second child in March with an ingathering of Cards, Diapers, and Gift Cards. There is a table set up in the church foyer for items to be left. They are excited to be expecting a baby girl!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP - Please join us TODAY, March 16th at noon at the Galley in Decatur.

COMING SOON!!!! The Washington DC group will be having a scrap metal recycling dumpster again this spring. Prepare to purge and round up your scrap metal. Date and location will be coming in the weeks ahead. Contact Jason Rekeweg or Jay Werling for any questions.

BOOK FAIR - **March 6-17**, access book fair online at www.storyglorykids.com/bethlehem Use promo code **BETHLEHEM** at checkout, which provides a 10% discount and earmarks 10% of sales for our school library book fund. Books can be shipped to school FREE or can ship directly to your home (free for orders of \$25+ or \$5 otherwise). Speak with DoRena Wirgau for more information.

NORTHERN WELLS FOOD PANTRY IN OSSIAN IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS-

Please leave your donations in the box located in the church foyer. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you

LAWNCARE BIDS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN BY THE TRUSTEES. PLEASE SEE JAY WERLING FOR A BID SHEET. THANK YOU

SAUSAGE FOR SALE – PTL still has whole hog sausage for sale. Either 1# bulk or patties for \$5.00 per package. Please see Sierra Patrick after church or contact the school office.

The old Fellowship Hall chairs are NOW available to be taken for a free-will donation.

Chairs are in the north hallway between the Fellowship Hall and school and are sorted by how worn they are. Chairs that are not spoken for by next week will be disposed of.

FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN - On Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920, an estimated F4 tornado traveled from Ossian, Indiana to Edgerton on the Indiana-Ohio state line, killing 13 and causing millions of dollars of damage to houses and farmsteads in its path. Many of those affected by the tornado were German Lutherans. To mark the 105th anniversary of the twister, the Friends of Wyneken will retell the story of the twister and its aftermath with a presentation on **Sunday, March 30 at 2 pm**. The presentation will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514 E 750 N, Ossian, Indiana. All are welcome to attend.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE at St. John Lutheran Church, Flatrock gym on Friday, April 11th from 8-5pm, and Saturday, April 12th from 8-noon, bag sale on Saturday.

Offering March 9, 2025

Average weekly need \$13,818

Home Fund Env.	\$13,633.79
Synod	320.00
Loose	184.90
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	2.50
Improvement Fund	220.00
Endowment Fund	1,045.00
Endowment Mem.	20.00
Organ Fund	1,010.00
Music Fund	
Ash Wednesday	994.55
Phone Refund	57.16
Chair donation	60.00
Emergency Fund	656.00
Total	\$18,328.90

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance (\$1,408.81)

Next week bills due: \$16,000

Bills due two weeks: \$14,000

Savings Account Balance \$53,796.89

Borrowed from Savings: \$0.00

Operating Loan Debt: \$0.00

Church/Communion Attendance

Sunday 175/129

Wednesday 80/54

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.**

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

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

What is Matthew 16:19?

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19

What is 1 John 1:8-9?

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9