

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunrise

Divine Service One

April 20, 2025

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Pre-service Music *Bethlehem Handbell Choir*

Processional Hymn

#487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a - mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Invocation

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not

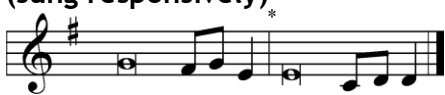
loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ~~the~~ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively)



I awake, and I am still with you. Alle- | luia!*

[You] lay your hand upon me. Alle- | luia!

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is high; I cannot | attain it.

O LORD, you have searched me and | known me!*

You know when I sit down and when I | rise up.

If I ascend to heaven, | you are there!*

If I make my bed in Sheol, | you are there!

Even there your hand shall | lead me,*

and your right hand shall | hold me.

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

*as it was in the be- | ginning,**

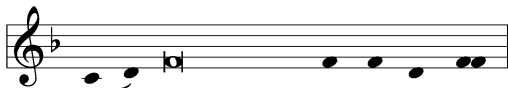
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I awake, and I am still with you. Alle- | luia!*

[You] lay your hand upon me. Alle- | luia!

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;*
it is high; I cannot | attain it.

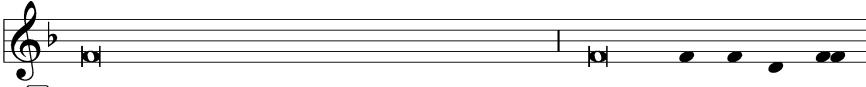
Kyrie



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.



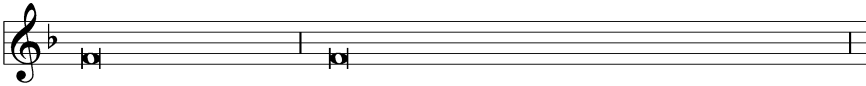
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



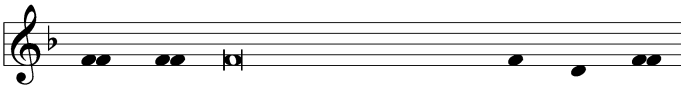
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response “*This Joyful Eastertide*”

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12–25

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Christians, to the Paschal Victim*

*Choir Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died,
Reigns immortal.*

**Cong. Christ is arisen
From the grave's dark prison.
So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!**

*Choir "Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw when wayfaring."
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you."*

**Cong. Were Christ not arisen,
Then death were still our prison.
Now, with Him to life restored,
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!**

*Choir Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!*

**Cong. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

John 20:1–18

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, **“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”** Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, **“Mary.”** She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, **“Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”** ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☐ 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

#467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Ron Whitesel, Donna Schumm
Hildegard Bauermeister, Gail Werling
Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)
Carla Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)
Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)
Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkeleys)
Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

We pray for our expectant mothers: Reese Springer, Wendy Boehm, Destiny Laley
Shaeli Streeks, Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Molly Kleppinger, Betsy Dodgers

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)
Marihyn Meyer (Kingston)
Marihyn Franke (Christian Care)
Charlotte Bultemeier (StoryPoint West)
Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)
Norvin 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.

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Preface



P The Lord be with you.



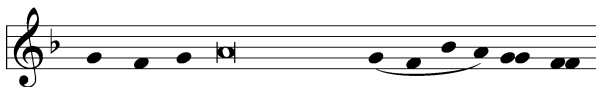
C And al - so with you.



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

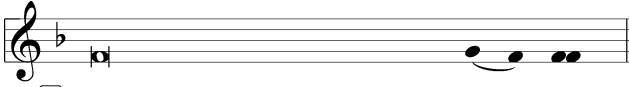
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 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

#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

#478 The Day of Resurrection

#480 He's Risen, He's Risen

#490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

#484 Make Songs of Joy

Nunc Dimittis (Please stand)



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-



pared 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.

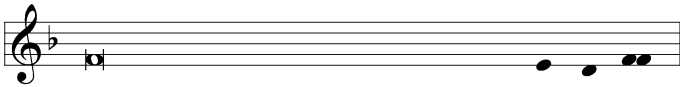
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn

#461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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!

Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at

bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.

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

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Celebrant	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Vicar	Sem. Morgan Phillips
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Glen Werling
Elders on Duty	Steve Conrad and Bruce Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choirs	Bethlehem Handbell and Adult Choir
Acolytes	Volunteers
Crucifer	Jude Wirgau
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Scheumann, Adam Lambert

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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
Website for Church and School: www.BethlehemOssian.org	

TODAY	6:30 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Divine Service
	7:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast (school gym)
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Day Divine Service
	NO	Adult Bible Class and Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
MONDAY		No School "Easter Monday"
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Adult Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
		Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	Endowment Committee Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Voter's Assembly Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, April 27th after Bible Class
Election of Officers is on the agenda

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – The Women of Bethlehem are holding a church Spring cleaning on Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 8:00 a.m. Please contact Jessica Schumm

The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center through Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne gave out over 9,000 diapers in February. On May 3rd they will be hosting a health fair and giving away more diapers to those in need in the community. We will have a collection box available for diapers to be donated to Shepherd's Hand from now through April 27th when Deaconess Jana Peters, Executive Director at Shepherd's Hand, will come speak about their work in Fort Wayne. There is also an amazon wishlist link available on their website: <https://www.shepherdshandfw.org/get-involved>

The Church Audio Visual team is in desperate need of volunteers – Entering titles for the church videos and other minor tasks would be appreciated starting after Easter. Please contact Evan or Reese Springer or Deaconess Boehm for more information.

ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM are invited to join in our first of four hikes we will go on over the next few months. We will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday May 10 at the Tel-Hy trail located at 1429 N. 300 W. Huntington, IN. Questions? Need to carpool? Text Melissa Tolson at (260)417-4898. Hope you join the fun!

The Washington DC group is having a scrap metal recycling dumpster again this spring. Prepare to purge and round up your scrap metal. You can drop items off at Jay Werling's house, 4126 E 800 N. Ossian. Contact Jason Rekeweg or Jay Werling for any questions.

NORTHERN WELLS FOOD PANTRY NEED YOUR DONATIONS

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you

SCRIP – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. The next order date is May 4th so all orders need to be received by noon on that date. Ordering dates are set to reduce shipping costs. For questions or for placing an order, please contact Mariah Trammel at 260-267-1614, our PTL representative.

Offering April 13, 2025

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$9,395.48
Synod	255.00
Loose	326.57
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	8.01
Improvement Fund	105.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	
Music Fund	
Memorials	<u>210.00</u>
Total	\$10,450.06

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$1,894.64
Next week bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$20,000
Savings Account Balance	\$56,491.27
Borrowed from Savings:	\$0.00
Operating Loan Debt:	\$20,550
 Church/Communion Attendance	
Sunday	224/157
Tues. – Wed.	60

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of February 28, 2025:

\$351,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
 208,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
 322,058.09 - Amount generated since 2009
-149,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
 \$732,368.91 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of February 28, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund
 \$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024
1,312.72 - Amount generated since November 2024
 \$ 91,391.65 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of February 28, 2025

THE ALTAR COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR DONATION OF FLOWERS THIS EASTER MORNING. FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. SERVICE.

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.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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.”

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.