

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*The Sixth Sunday after Easter*

*Divine Service One*

May 25, 2025

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Processional Hymn

#475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Rite of Holy Baptism (see insert) *Hayden James Boehm*

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Introit (sung responsively)



[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | lua.\*

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | lua.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\***

**sing the glory | of his name.**

I cried to him | with my mouth,\*

and high praise was | on my tongue.

**But truly God has | listened;\***

**he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.**

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\***

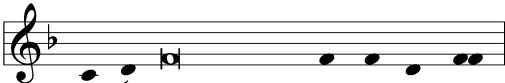
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

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

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.\*  
The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

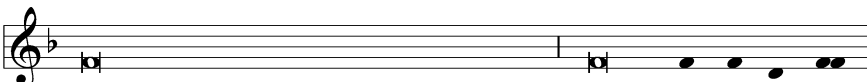
## Kyrie



**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.



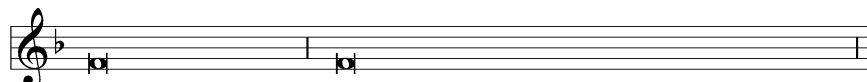
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



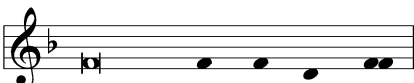
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



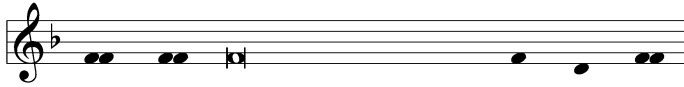
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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



**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*



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



## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 1:22–27*

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his

tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**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 16:23–33*

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



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

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

<sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** 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**

Hymn of the Day

#766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

*Raven Baker (daughter of Ryan and Kari)*

*Ron Whitesel, Donna Schumm*

*Hildegarde Bauermeister, Gail Werling*

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

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

*Ellie Anderson (friend of Sarena Wirgau)*

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

*Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

**Baptismal blessing:** *Hayden James Boehm*

**Marriage blessing:** *Jacob and Jamie Meyer*

**We pray for our expectant mothers:** *Destiny Laley, Shaeli Streeks, Abigail (Springer) Mayer,  
Molly Kleppinger, Betsy Dodgers, Caroline (Meyer) Fenker*

**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)*

*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**

**The Board of Christian Education in search of a candidate for 1-2 Grade Teacher**

**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



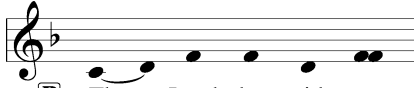
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



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.



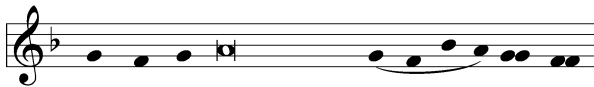
**C** And al - so with you.



**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

- 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**

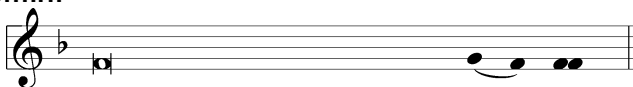
forever and ever. Amen.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

#617 O Lord, We Praise Thee  
#618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table  
#663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray  
#724 If God Himself Be for Me

### 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.

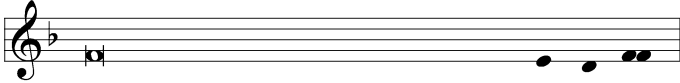
### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.  
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  $\nabla$  give you peace.



## Closing Hymn

## #549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**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!

## IN HIS SERVICE

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Preaching</b>            | Rev. Samuel Wirgau  |
| <b>Celebrant</b>            | Rev. Anthony Dodgers  |
| <b>Vicar</b>                | Sem. Morgan Phillips  |
| <b>Fieldworker</b>          | Sem. Brandon Streeks  |
| <b>Deaconess</b>            | Wendy Boehm   |
| <b>Head Elder</b>           | Glen Werling  |
| <b>Elders on Duty</b>       | Glen Werling and Bruce Werling  |
| <b>Kantor</b>               | Richard Brinkley  |
| <b>Organist</b>             | Joel Stoppenhagen   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             | Jude Wirgau and Matthew Rekeweg   |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | Matthew Rekeweg   |
| <b>Altar Guild Chairman</b> | Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver   |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Jared Conrad, Mike Nahrwold, Jacob Meyer                                |
|                             | Trent Bultemeier, Andrew Stoppenhagen, Nathanael Werling, Jacob Werling |

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|--|--------------|
| Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau   | 260-273-7595 |
| ( <a href="mailto:Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com">Samuel.wirgau@gmail.com</a> )                                   |              |
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| Bethlehem Lutheran School  | 260-597-7366 |
| Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers  | 616-648-6489 |
| Kantor: Mr. Richard Brinkley   | 260-705-4105 |
| Deaconess: Wendy Boehm   | 260-415-8526 |
| <i>Website for Church and School: <a href="http://www.BethlehemOssian.org">www.BethlehemOssian.org</a></i> |              |

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| <b>TODAY</b>     | <b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> |
|                  | NO Adult Bible Class and Sunday School              |
|                  | 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)           |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service</b>             |
|                  | <b>7:00 p.m. Ascension Service</b>                  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b> |
|                  | 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class                       |
|                  | NO Sunday School                                    |
|                  | 11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)           |

*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

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the altar this morning have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jacob and Jamie Meyer's marriage blessing.

**BAPTIZED TODAY** into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Hayden James Boehm, newborn son of Josh and Wendy Boehm. Sponsors for Hayden are Darren and Sierra Patrick. We welcome Hayden to the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

**Meal train for the Boehm family:** We all know how exciting and challenging these first few weeks can be, so we'd like to support them by sending some comfort food their way. The link is <https://mealtrain.com/gvm8d8> If you have questions or need help signing up, you can reach out to Emily Anthony at 260-750-6232. The link is also on Women of Bethlehem's facebook page.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Right to Life carnations for Mother's Day. We were able to support them with \$168.00 in donations. God's blessing to all of you! Linda Bultemeier

**All Women of Bethlehem** are invited to join in our second of four hikes we will go on over the next few months. We will meet at 9:00 am on Saturday June 14 at the Kokiwanee Nature Preserve located at 5825 E. 50 S. Lagro, IN. Questions? Need to carpool? Text Melissa Tolson at (260)417-4898. Hope you join the fun!

**SUMMER BOOK CLUB:** Our next book club pick is "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas. We will pick a date to meet when it gets closer to August, so everyone has enough time through the summer to read the book. Be aware there are abridged and unabridged versions of the book. Keep an eye out for information about the Wells County Summer Reading Program to earn fun prizes through the library.

**2025 GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, June 1st-** We would like to recognize our Bethlehem Lutheran School 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates and also all of our member 2025 High School and College graduates with a special bulletin insert. Please submit students' name, any special awards, and their future plans to the church office ASAP.

**"Big and Bold Faith"** VBS will be June 23-26. There is a poster in the north hallway that has more information including child registration, volunteer opportunities, and items needed. For t-shirt orders please register by June 9th. You can also find registration information on our website, [blcsossian.org](http://blcsossian.org).

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** – We are excited to announce several improvements taking place in the school. Contractors and church trustees will be installing new flooring and partitions in the locker room / restrooms. Also, those rooms along with the gym and hallways will be getting a fresh coat of paint. The gym floor will also be getting re-varnished. All this work will be taking place for the next couple of weeks which means activity in the school needs to be limited. If you have any questions, please contact our AD, Mr. Brandon Schumm or the school office. Thank you for your patience.

**Jigsaw Puzzle Adoption Program** - Who doesn't like to do a Jigsaw Puzzle! Bethlehem members are encouraged to participate in an Adult / Child jigsaw puzzle exchange program. Basically, take a puzzle / leave a puzzle or just take a puzzle! All for fun! We currently have quite a few that are ready for adoption and will be placed on a table in the north church hallway for your selection or exchange, starting Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will see how the response goes for the month of June then go to a once-a-month date starting in July. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**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 June 1st so all orders need to be received by noon that day. 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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for supporting our School Endowment and helping us meet our goal!

**Offering May 18, 2025**

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u> |               |
| Home Fund Env.                      | \$12,829.63   |
| Synod                               | 205.00        |
| Loose                               | 704.51        |
| Scholarship Fund                    |               |
| Sunday School                       |               |
| Improvement Fund                    | 488.00        |
| Endowment Fund                      | 2,400.00      |
| Organ Fund                          | <u>388.00</u> |
| Total                               | \$17,014.84   |

**Financial Report**

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| <b>Home Fund Balance (\$252.72)</b>        |
| Next week bills due: \$5,000               |
| Bills due two weeks: \$18,000              |
| <b>Savings Account Balance \$54,822.67</b> |
| Borrowed from Savings: \$3,000             |
| Operating Loan Debt: \$29,950.00           |
| <br><b>Church/Communion Attendance</b>     |
| Sunday 204/143                             |
| Wednesday 13/10                            |

**THE 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET IS NOW POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS**

## **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.**

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**(5) Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.**

**(6) Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.**