

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service Three

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Invocation (please stand)

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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Introit (sung responsively)



Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,*

and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*

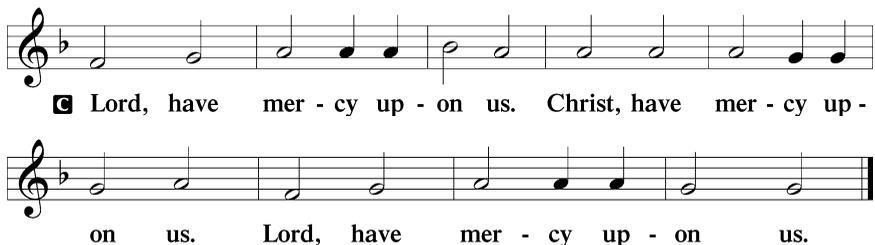
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

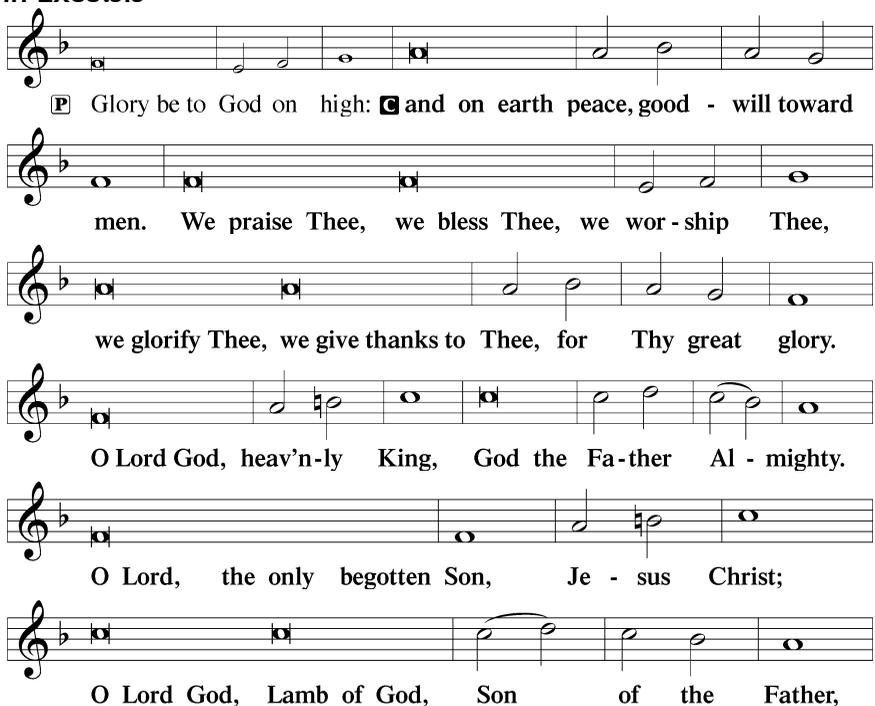
For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*
 and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.
*Glory be to the Father and | to the Son**
and to the Holy | Spirit;
*as it was in the be- | ginning,**
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Behold, God is my | helper,*
 the Lord is the upholder | of my life.
 He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
 in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

Kyrie



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

Gloria in Excelsis



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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 22:26–34

- 26“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
27with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
28You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
29For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
30For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
31This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
32“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
33This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
34He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory*
above the | heavens.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6–13

- ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.
⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.
¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he

will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



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

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

#730 What Is the World to Me

Sermon

Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Eleanor Fenker (granddaughter of Peter and Sandy Meyer)

Steve Ashcroft (grandfather of Ron Trammel)

Raven Baker (daughter of Ryan and Kari)

Ron Whitesel, Donna Schumm, Gail Werling

Judy Morris (friend of Mike and Linda Bultemeier)

Carla Wiederhold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)

Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys)

Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)

In time of death *Family and friends of Justin Rekeweg (brother of Jason Rekeweg)*

We pray for our expectant mothers: *Abigail (Springer) Mayer, Betsy Dodgers*

Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman

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

Landrie Levitz, sister of Mariah Trammel who is in the Middle East

We pray for our members shut-in:

Ruth Witte (Ossian Healthcare)

Marilyn Meyer (Kingston)

Marilyn Franke (Christian Care)

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

Service of the Sacrament pg. 194

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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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

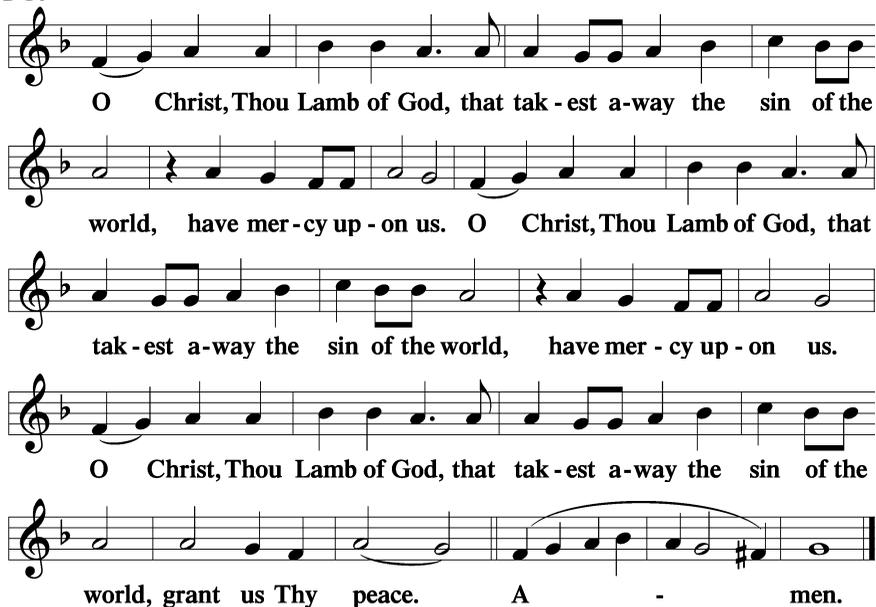


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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

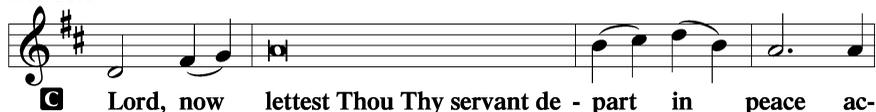
#619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

#620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

#685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

#743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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,

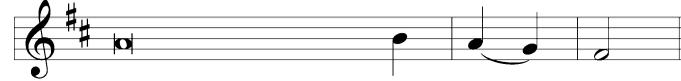


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

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

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

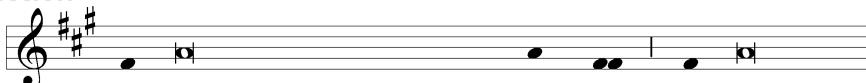


A Bless we the Lord.

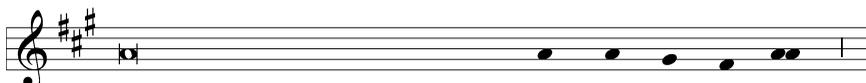


C Thanks be to God.

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

#786 Lord of All Good

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Charles McClain
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Deacon	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Jerry Meyer
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
Acolytes	Elders
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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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
<i>Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org</i>	

TODAY	8:00 a.m.	Women of Bethlehem Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	11:30 a.m.	Church Council meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Family Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
	5:30 p.m.	LYF Kick Off (New Hope)

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

NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE

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!

Fall Women's Bible Study: "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. Dates and times TBD by the group. If interested contact Deaconess Boehm.

Widows Group: August 24th after Bible study (noon) lunch at Coco China in Bluffton. Contact Gail Werling if interested in attending.

Middle/High School Youth Group: will have a kickoff picnic at New Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 24th at 5:30pm. More information will be sent out via GroupMe. If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Boehm or Pastor Doubrava.

Sunday School Rally Day: will take place on Sunday, September 7th. This will kick off our regular Sunday school throughout the year. Sunday School Teachers will be installed along with a potluck after Bible study. Gather in the Fellowship Hall for a shared meal—bring a favorite dish to share! Pulled pork and hot dogs will be provided.

The 28th Annual Right to Life Banquet is being held on Tuesday October 14th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum with Keynote Speaker, Actor, Filmmaker Kirk Cameron. Our congregation members are invited to attend. Cost is \$50 per person or a table of 8 for \$400. For more information and details, please go to www.ichooselife.org/banquet.

BABY SHOWER – The Women of Bethlehem are having a Baby Ingathering for Rev. Anthony and Betsy Dodgers. A table is set up in the church hallway for cards, gifts, diapers and wipes.

DC Trip Coffee Fundraiser - Good news coffee lovers! You can now support the Washington DC group by ordering Old Canal coffee online oldcanalroasters.com. Use coupon code **AHZAVZFWRH** for a \$2 discount, and to credit our fundraiser. \$25 order minimum, items shipped directly to your home. We will continue to offer in-person sales occasionally, but this option online is available at any time. Speak with DoRena Wirgau for more information.

Looking for church/school keys – if you have a key and are no longer in dire need of it, please turn it into the church office. Thank you

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR GUILD –weekly altar preparation sign-up's are needed for September, October, November, and December and if you have any questions contact Cheryl Louison or Deann Oliver. Thank you

Frozen BBQ Chicken for Sale -Thank you to everyone who supported the DC group through our Andy's Knockout Chicken Fundraiser! Leftover frozen half smoked BBQ chickens are available for sale, \$8 each in the gym kitchen freezer.

Our first event was such a success we are doing it again this fall!!!

You're invited to join the Women of Bethlehem for Craft for a Cause on September 20th from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Lots of food, fellowship, prizes and 12 hours of crafting FUN!!! Registration form can be downloaded at <https://blcsossian.org/craftforacause/>. Questions? Text or Call Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144 or via email at deannrene@outlook.com Proceeds benefit the Women of Bethlehem Ministry.

GARDEN OVERLOAD!! There will be a table set up in the north hallway to donate or adopt your excess garden vegetables, fruits and flowers.

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY - 2nd Tuesday of the Month, beginning **September 9**.

Mark your calendars for our first monthly Visual Faith Ministry (VFM) Workshop! Join us from 6:00 - 8:00 pm as we explore visual, faith-based processes that combine prayer with Scripture reading and reflection on God's Word. We will explore practices that help us remember God's Word and serve as reminders of His presence in our lives. "Hands-on" practices such as Bible journaling, visual prayer/prayer spaces, Scripture Scribing, Devotional processing, Visual Church Year/Worship into the Week processes and Logos365 are some of the "faith tools" that help bring focus while dealing with the distractions of our noisy, busy, media-driven lives. All materials will be provided and no creativity required! For more information visit www.visualfaithmin.org or reach out to Deaconess Wendy Boehm, Kim Werling or Deann Oliver.

We are collecting paper crafting donations to build supplies for this new ministry. Scrapbook and patterned paper, punches, paper cutters, washi tape, rubber stamps, ink pads, scissors, glue sticks, colored pencils, markers, old greeting cards, and other paper crafting supplies can be placed in the "VFM" bin located in the North hallway. Thanks for your support!!!

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 September 1**. 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.

In order to reduce clutter in the church hallway, we have moved collection boxes and free items to the center hallway between church and school just outside the north Fellowship Hall door. Thank you

Offering August 10, 2025

<u>Average weekly need \$13,818</u>	
Home Fund Env.	\$9,708.38
Synod	50.00
Loose	471.25
Scholarship Fund	135.00
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	1,720.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	
Memorials	95.00
Roembke Fund	<u>1,234.63</u>
Tota	\$13,439.26

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$65.10

Next week's bills due: \$5,000

Bills due two weeks: \$31,000

Savings Account Balance \$35,060.09

Borrowed from Savings: \$24,000

Operating Loan Debt: \$11,350

Church Attendance

Sunday 172/134

Wednesday 19/13

The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity



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“The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness” (Luke 16:1–9). The steward’s shrewdness is praiseworthy for two reasons. First, he knew the master would be merciful. He trusted that the master would honor the debts he forgave in the master’s name. In the same way, though we have squandered our heavenly Father’s possessions in selfishness and sin, Jesus is the Steward who has canceled our debt, knowing that His forgiveness will be honored by the Father because of the holy cross. Secondly, the steward was shrewd in using oil and wheat to provide for his earthly welfare. So also do these earthly elements aid us when pressed into heavenly use in the anointing of baptism and the wheat of the Lord’s Supper. Those who have the Sacraments will have an eternal home when their earthly home fails. These provide us aid in times of temptation (1 Cor. 10:6–13). For the Lord is our strength and a shield to all who trust in Him (2 Sam. 22:26–34).

The Order of Meditation and Prayer

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

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.

Hymn of the Week: "What Is the World to Me" - LSB #730

Recite the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed

The Catechism:

What is the First Commandment?

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

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

What is Deuteronomy 6:4-5?

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

What is the Second Commandment?

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

What does this mean?

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

What is Isaiah 12:4

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted."

-Isaiah 12:4

Psalm 51:1-12 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	1, 2	5	8, 9	10	14, 1	18	19, 2
P.M.	3	4, 6	7	11, 1	13	16, 1	21

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Daniel 3:1-30 - The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace 2 Sam. 7:18-29
Tues.	Daniel 6:1-23 - Daniel and the Lion's Den 2 Sam. 11:1-27
Wed.	Mark 10:17-27 - Jesus and the Rich Young Man 2 Sam. 12:1-25 / 2 Sam. 13:1-19:43
Thu.	Matthew 26:36-46 - Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane 1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35
Fri.	Matthew 26:69-75 - Peter Denies Jesus 1 Kings 2:1-27
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes For Prayer

Sunday: For the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and the Sacraments.

Monday: For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and for peace.

Tuesday: For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.

Wednesday: For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.

Thursday: For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.

Friday: For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.

Saturday: For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.

In our Prayers this week: Eleanor, Carolyn, Steve, Raven, Ron, Donna, Gail, Judy, Carla, Brandon, Sandra, Ryan and Molly, Abigail, Betsy, Grace, Stephen, Landrie, Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha.

Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

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**

Looking forward to Sunday Morning: The Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Old Testament: Proverbs 3:1-8; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10; Gospel: Luke 22:24-30; Hymns: 518; 583; 621; 622; 389; 757; 688; 830