

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Feast of St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist*

*Divine Service Three*

*September 21, 2025*

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Order of Holy Baptism (see insert) *Miriam Cynthia Dodgers*

# Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*

For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

**It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\***

**to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;**

to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*

and your faithful- | ness by night,

**to the music of the lute | and the harp,\***

**to the melody | of the lyre.**

For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\*

at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

**How great are your works, | O LORD!\***

**Your thoughts are | very deep!**

**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 desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.\*

For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

Kyrie



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



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

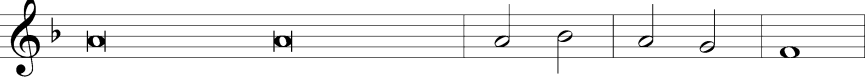
Gloria in Excelsis



**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.



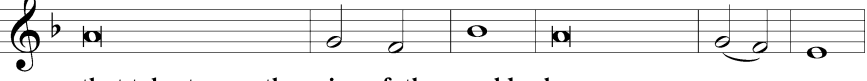
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.




O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



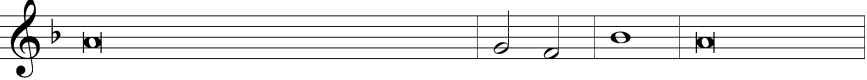
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,




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



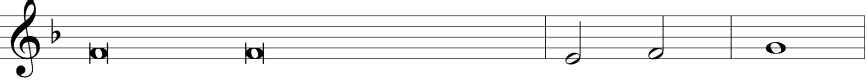
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.




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** O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 2:8—3:11*

<sup>8</sup>“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” <sup>9</sup>And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. <sup>1</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. <sup>4</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup>But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” <sup>10</sup>Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup>And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (sung by the choir)

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
How sweet are your words | to my taste,\*  
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!  
My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;\*  
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."<sup>9</sup>(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- 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

*Matthew 9:9–13*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "**Follow me.**" And he rose and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "**Those who are well have no need of a**

physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**G** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Sermon

## 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:**

*Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister) Marc Springer (Friend of Dan Springer)*  
*Hazel Krenzke (granddaughter of Dan and Sue Buchinger diagnosed with leukemia)*  
*Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Sandy Avey*  
*Eleanor Fenker (granddaughter of Peter and Sandy Meyer)*  
*Elaine Scallon (cousin of Loren Dathe battling cancer)*  
*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)*

**Baptismal blessing** *Miriam Cynthia Dodgers*

**We pray for our expectant mothers** *Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman,*  
*Hannab Stuckwisch (sister inlaw of Wirgaus)*

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

**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,  
 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

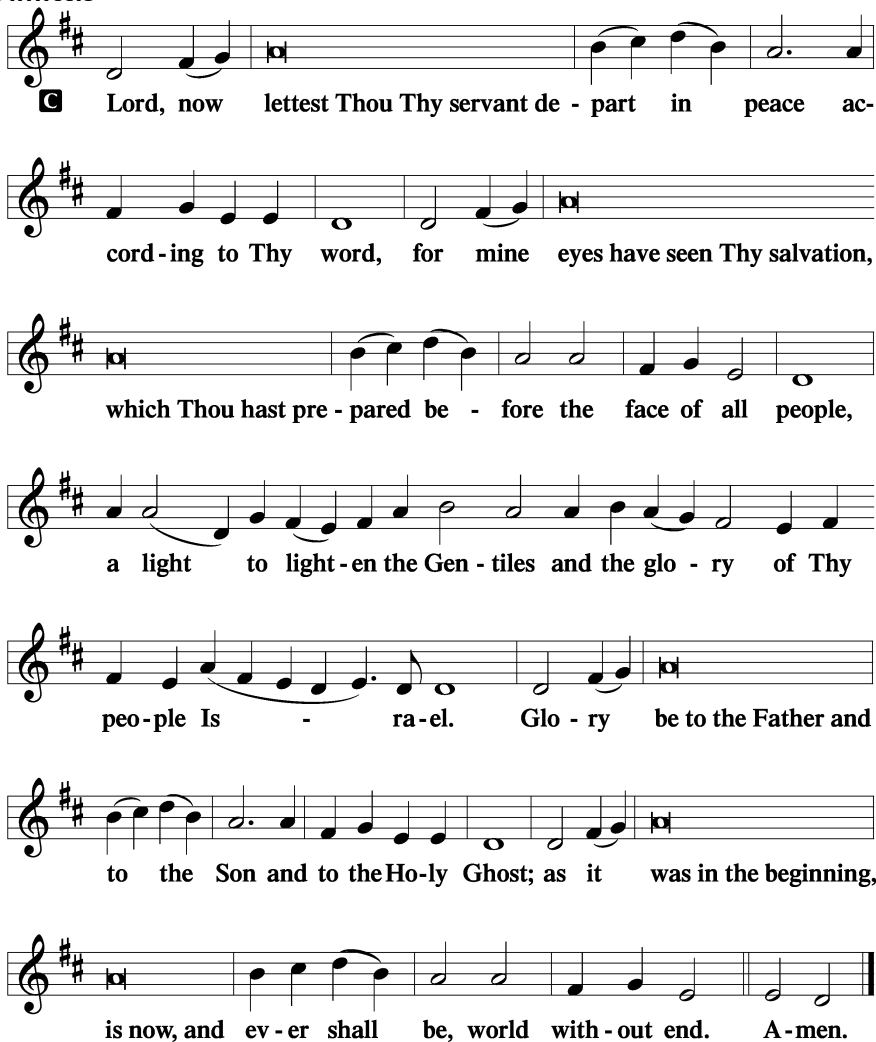
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

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

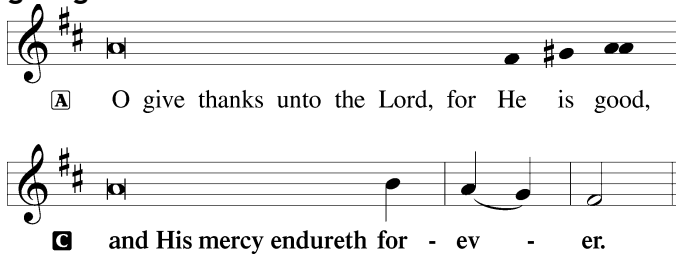


## Nunc Dimittis



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.

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



**C** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

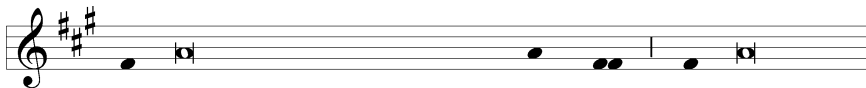


**A** Bless we the Lord.

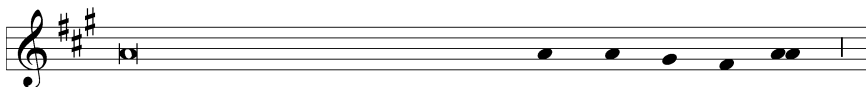


**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction



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



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



## IN HIS SERVICE

<b>Preaching</b>	Vicar Charles McLain
<b>Celebrant</b>	Rev. Anthony Dodgers
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Fieldworker</b>	Sem. Brandon Streeks
<b>Deaconess</b>	Wendy Boehm
<b>Head Elder</b>	Bruce Werling
<b>Elders on Duty</b>	Bruce Meyer and Steve Conrad
<b>Kantor</b>	Richard Brinkley
<b>Organist</b>	Emilie Meyer
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jude Wirgau and Alex Fuhrmann
<b>Crucifer</b>	Matthew Rekeweg
<b>Altar Guild Chairman</b>	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
<b>Ushers</b>	Rory Geiger, Lane Harkless, Isaac Harkless, Luke Harkless Darren Patrick, Cole Patrick, Mark Patrick

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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	2:00 p.m. WOB Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	3:30 p.m. Church History Meeting
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Chapel Service</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service</b>
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
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*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*

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

**BAPTIZED TODAY** into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is Miriam Cynthia Dodgers, newborn daughter of Rev. Anthony and Betsy Dodgers. Sponsors for Miriam are Frederick and Sarah Hertwig and Jesse Muehler. We welcome Miriam to the Kingdom of God and joint heir with us of all God's blessings.

**REMINDER** – Widows Group will meet after church on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> to eat at The Pickle in Markle. Contact Gail Werling if interested in attending.

**VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY** - Mark your calendar for our next **workshop on Tuesday, October 14th from 6 - 8 pm** in the school Art Room. Reach out to Deann Oliver via text at 616-894-0144 or by email [deannrene@outlook.com](mailto:deannrene@outlook.com) for questions. No cost to attend, but donations will be appreciated to help with supply costs.

**The blanket sewing group** will meet each Thursday at 1pm in the school basement starting October 2. Anyone interested in helping can join us. We are making blankets that are given to families to keep warm. We will also be working on the cancer project.

**ATTENTION THRIVENT POLICY HOLDERS** – If you currently hold a Thrivent product and are willing to let a Bethlehem group apply for an Action Team card to help reimburse expenses, please sign your name to the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

**HANDBELL CHOIR** – The bell choir's first rehearsal will be Monday September 22 at 7:00 pm. We need several additional ringers. You do not need to read music to participate. We can teach you what you need to know to be successful!

**NEW (and Revised) CATECHESIS CLASS** - Mark your calendars. Pastor Wirgau will be offering a class on Christian Doctrine from the Small Catechism for anyone who is interested beginning Wednesday, October 1 at 5:30-6:30 pm. This class will serve as a refresher for current members who would like to continue their catechesis as well as an introductory class to the Christian faith and the teaching of our Church for all who are not members of Bethlehem. All are invited and encouraged to attend and to bring family and friends who may be interested. If you have questions or need more details, please contact Pastor Wirgau.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** – The Bethlehem History Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize and safely store documents and photos. Nathan Bienz a church historian, has kindly agreed to teach us how to properly organize these items on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm in the church Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping with this huge but historical project, please join us! Contact Deaconess Boehm or Heidi Kleppinger if you have any questions.

**PORK CHOP DINNER** The annual Smoked Pork Chop Dinner is fast approaching! Please get your meals (smoked pork chop, cheesy potatoes, green beans a dinner roll all for \$15!) reserved with Pat Meyer (260-227-0400) [spmeyer82@gmail.com](mailto:spmeyer82@gmail.com) or Cheryl Louison (260-414-5126) [clouison@ymail.com](mailto:clouison@ymail.com) TODAY! Also, please consider helping with the event that takes place at

Lighted Gardens carryout only on October 5th 11-1p, signup sheets are in north hallway.

**The Friends of Wyneken** will host a Germanfest at the historic Wyneken House on Saturday, September 27, from 5:30-9:00 PM. There will be German and American food and beverages, a silent auction, music by the duo String Theory, and plenty of *gemutlichkeit*. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call or text (260) 437-0420 for information or to reserve tickets. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

**The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Right to Life Banquet** is being held on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ichooselife.org/banquet).

**Martini Hog Roast is BACK!!** September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025!! Doors open at 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Online ticket sales are now LIVE on the Martini Lutheran Church website. Adults are \$15 and children 12 and under are free.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Hog Roast – September 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12:30pm** 8536 N 500 E Decatur, IN Tickets are \$12. Drive thru available

**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 October 5th.** 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 September 14, 2025**

<b><u>Average weekly need \$14,000</u></b>	
Home Fund Env.	\$24,876.03
Synod	
Loose	187.00
Scholarship Fund	425.00
Sunday School	6.00
Improvement Fund	300.00
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	49.47
Total	\$25,868.50

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	\$46,387.44
Next week's bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$20,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$14,626.56</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$848.38</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$29,151.62
<b>Church Attendance</b>	
Sunday	181/ 121
Wednesday	26/17

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following the Feast of St. Matthew



Our ascended Lord gives "gifts" to His Church. In particular.. He gave apostles and evangelists like St. Matthew, prophets like Ezekiel, and still gives pastors and teachers (Eph. 4:8, 11). All are "for the common good ... empowered by one and the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:7, 11). They speak Christ's "truth in love" to wind- and wave-tossed children so that the saints may be equipped, served and built up as the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12–15). Christ is not only the head of this body, He is her Good Physician (Matt. 9:9–13). He has come not for the well but for the sick, not for "the righteous, but sinners" (Matt. 9:13) — even notorious tax collectors like Matthew. Christ's team of spiritual physicians must serve faithfully. Their instrument is "thus says the Lord GOD," to be spoken "whether they hear or refuse to hear" (Ezek. 3:11). To those stubborn, rebellious patients who believe they need no physician, the word "of lamentation and mourning and woe" must be fearlessly spoken: God's Law calls to repentance (Ezek. 2:10). To those who recognize their trouble and sickness, the salve of the Gospel is to be applied. So Christ works to save us, as Matthew's Gospel records.

## **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 (LSB pg. 264)*

*The Catechism:*

**What is the Tenth Commandment?**

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

**What is Philippians 2:4?**

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

***Psalm 119:33-40 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	92	95, 96	98, 100	101	103	103	105
P.M.	94	97	99	102	104	104	106

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Matthew 10:32-39 - Confess Christ Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18
Tues.	Mark 10:17-31 - The Rich Young Ruler Nehemiah 9:1-21
Wed.	Philippians 2:1-11 - Christ's Example of Humility Nehemiah 9:22-38
Thu.	Matthew 6:19-34 - Lay Up Treasure in Heaven Malachi 1:1-14
Fri.	Exodus 12:1-22 - The Passover Malachi 2:1-3:5
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

*Collect of the Day*

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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: Strength and healing:** Marc, Lisa, Hazel, Brittany, Sandy, Elaine, Eleanor, Steve, Raven, Ron, Donna, Gail, Judy, Carla, Brandon, Sandra **Expectant mothers:**, Grace, Hannah

**Protection:** Stephen, **Homebound:** Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha.

**Lord's Prayer and Morning or Evening Prayer from the Catechism  
(LSB pg. 266)**

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: St. Michael and all Angels**

Old Testament: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3; Epistle: Revelation 12:7-12;  
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-11; Hymns: 670, 522, 632, 633, 686, 520, 902

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