

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Feast of St. Michael and all Angels*

*Divine Service Three  
September 28, 2025  
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# Processional Hymn

# #670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye  
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: J. Athelstan L. Riley, 1858–1945, alt.  
 Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623, Köln  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Invocation

- 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.

## Service of the Word pg. 184

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\***  
**you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!**

Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
his ministers, who | do his will!

**Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\***

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**  
***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.***

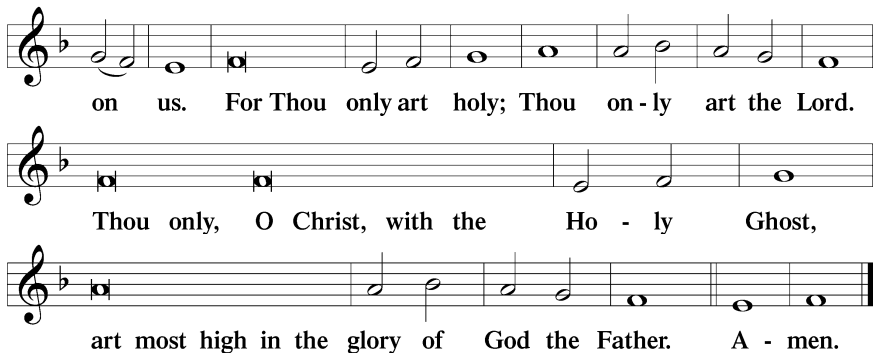
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

## 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.



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



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, 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

*Daniel 10:10–14; 12:1–3*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and

came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . .”

<sup>1</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Response “Blessed Jesus At Thy Word”

### Epistle

*Revelation 12:7–12*

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**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 18:1–11*

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



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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “**Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**”

<sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost.”

**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

#522 Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise  
Choir sings vs 3, 6

Sermon

Offertory



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

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

*Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister) Marc Springer (Friend of Dan Springer)*

*Hazel Krenzke (granddaughter of Dan and Sue Buchinger)*

*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 Wiederbold (cousin of Otto Clausen battling cancer)*

*Brandon Tomlinson (son in-law of the Brinkleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

**We pray for our expectant mothers** Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman,  
Hannab Stuckevisch, Makena Graham

**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.



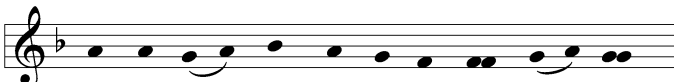
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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.



**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

#632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

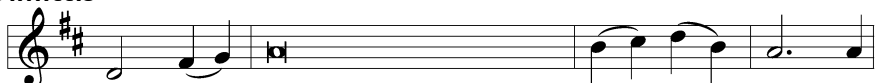
#633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

#686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#520 Stars of the Morning, So Gloriously Bright

#902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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

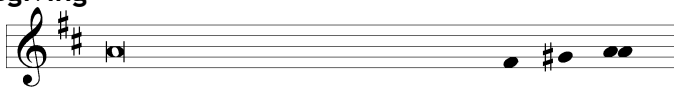


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

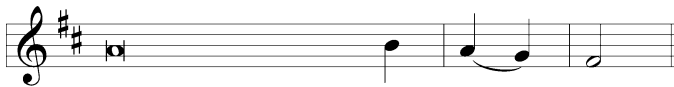


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



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



**G** 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.



**G** A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

## Benedicamus

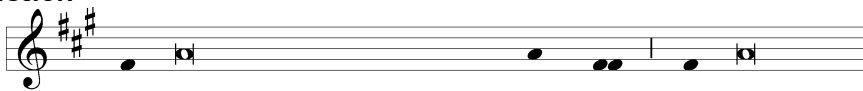


**A** Bless we the Lord.

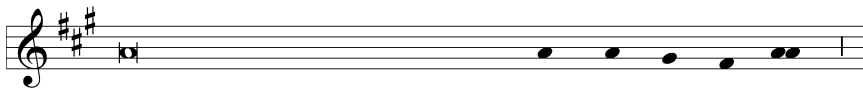


**G** Thanks be to God.

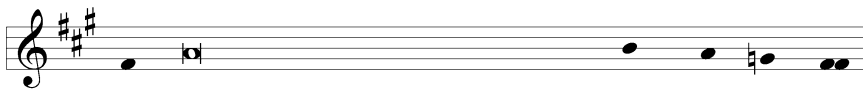
## Benediction



**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

## #521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

**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 /Celebrant</b>	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
<b>Vicar</b>	Sem. Charles McLain
<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>Choir</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jude Wirgau and Alex Fuhrmann
<b>Crucifer</b>	Jonah Bultemeier
<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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<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>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. Chapel Service</b>
	5:30 p.m. Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service</b>
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:00 p.m. WOB Bible Study
<b>THURSDAY – FRIDAY</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> (teachers attending LEA Conference)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	<b>“LWML Sunday”</b>
	10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School
	11-1:00 p.m. Pork Chop Carry out Dinner (Lighted Gardens)
	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/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

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

**LWML SUNDAY – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** -Please bring you mite boxes. Vicar McLain will be speaking at Bible Class today. Refreshments will be served. We will have quilts displayed on the pews that our women have made.

**CARD SHOWER** - Denis and Joyce Glisson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 27. If you would like to send them an anniversary card, their address is 11326 Marzane Road, Markle, IN 46770. We wish them God's blessings on their anniversary.

**VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY** - Mark your calendar for our next **workshop on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**PORK CHOP CARRY-OUT DINNER** – Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Lighted Gardens. 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!**

**Surprise Birthday Card Shower** For those that know Carol Franke, she is celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, today. Please consider sending her your well wishes! Cards can be sent to: 1558 Wexford Ct. Bluffton, IN 46714. Her family thanks 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 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.

**Walk Steady for Rock Steady** – Walk in support of Rock Steady Boxing in Bluffton and help continue to fight back against Parkinson’s Disease! The event takes place on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:30 a.m. Registration forms and more information are posted to the bulletin board.

**Offering September 21, 2025**

*Average weekly need \$14,000*

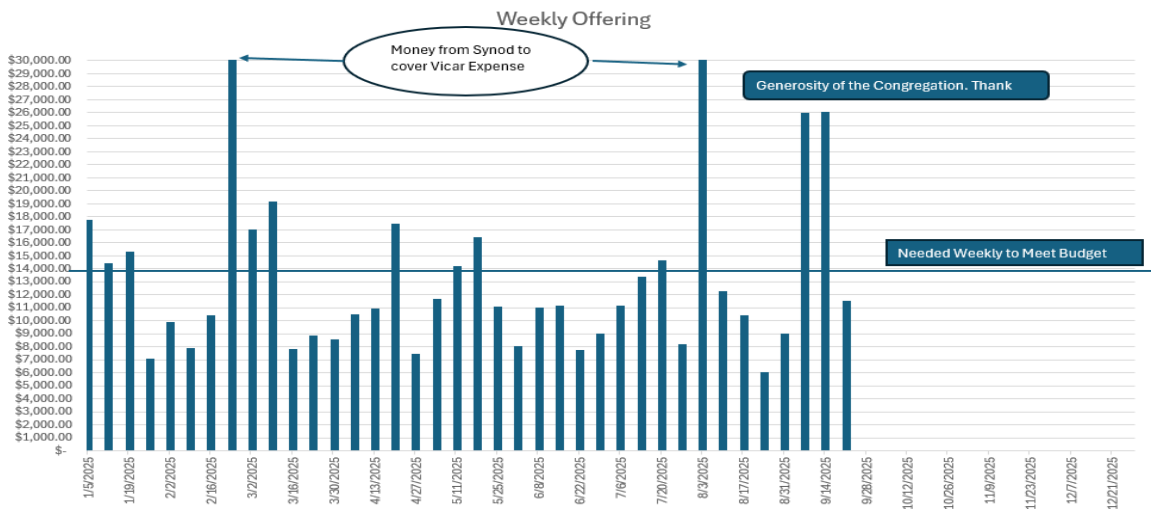
Home Fund Env.	\$9,843.03
Synod	50.00
Loose	818.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	34.50
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Gym Rental	100.00
REMC Refund	459.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,305.16</b>

**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$30,703.49</b>
Next week’s bills due:	\$5,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$14,676.56</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$848.38</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$29,151.62

**Church Attendance**

Sunday	195/148
Wednesday	29/24



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## DRIVE - THRU Pork Chop Dinner

Lighted Gardens

10794 N State Road 1, Ossian, IN

Sunday, October

5th 11am—1 pm

Cost: \$15.00



Dinner includes:

Smoked Pork Chop, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans and Roll

**TO PREORDER YOUR DINNERS CONTACT:**

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Deadline for orders is Monday, September 29th

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WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM**

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and Women of Bethlehem Project Fund**

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels



We live in "a time of trouble" (Dan. 12:1), in the midst of great tribulation. Satan and his wicked angels have been thrown out of heaven and have come down to earth "in great wrath," with woeful "temptations to sin" and with constant accusations (Rev. 12:8–12; Matt. 18:7). Even so, we are encouraged by the presence and protection of St. Michael and the holy angels, whom God sends to help us in the strife (Dan. 10:11–13). By "the authority of his Christ," His holy angels guard and keep us in body and soul. These heavenly servants of God preserve His human messengers on earth, the ministers of "the blood of the Lamb," against all the power of the enemy, for by "the word of their testimony," the Church is saved and the devil is defeated (Rev. 12:10–11; Luke 10:18–19). By their preaching and Baptism of repentance, the old Adam and the old evil foe are "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6). As God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, so are His people delivered and raised from the dust of the earth through the forgiveness of their sins (Dan. 12:1–3).

## **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: "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise" LSB #522*

*Recite the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed (LSB pg. 264)*

*The Catechism:*

*What does God say about all these commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:5-6

***Psalm 91 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	109	109	112, 113	115	117, 118	119:1-24	119:49-72
P.M.	108	110, 111	114	116	120, 121	119:25-48	119:73-88

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	Exodus 20:1-6, 18-21; 31:18 - God's Law Always Accuses Deuteronomy 1:19-36
Tues.	Exodus 32:1-14 - The Worship of the Golden Calf Deuteronomy 1:37-2:15
Wed.	Exodus 32:15-35 - God's Wrath Poured Out upon Idol Worshipers Deuteronomy 2:16-37
Thu.	Luke 23:13-25 - Jesus Takes the Place of the Guilty Deuteronomy 3:1-29
Fri.	Matthew 7:15-29 - The Wise Man Builds His House on the Rock Deuteronomy 4:1-20
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

***Collect of the Day***

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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, Makena **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:** Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Old Testament: 1 Kings 17:17-24; Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21; Gospel:  
Luke 7:11-171; Hymns: 755, 758, 634, 636, 752, 741, 548