

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Twelfth 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)



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*

who | seek my life!

Let them be | turned back*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

May all who seek | you rejoice*

and be | glad in you!

You are my help and my de- | liverer;*

O LORD, do | not delay!
*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.
 Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me! *
 O LORD, make haste to | help me!
 Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion*
 who | seek my life!

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 Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 29:17–24

- ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?
¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.
¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.
²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,
²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

- “Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.
²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.
²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

**I will bless the LORD at | all times,*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

Epistle

Romans 10:9–17

⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

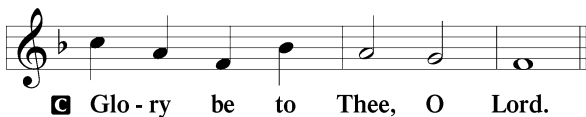
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



Jesus Heals a Deaf Man

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “**Ephphatha,**” that is, “**Be opened.**” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

#545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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

Sunday School Teacher Installation

Prayer of the Church

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

Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Sandy Avey

Elaine Scallon (cousin of Loren Dathe battling cancer)

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)

Wedding Anniversary Mark and Deb Patrick celebrating 30 years

Thanksgiving for the birth of a baby boy Abigail (Springer) Mayer

We pray for our expectant mothers: Betsy Dodgers, Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman

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)

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.

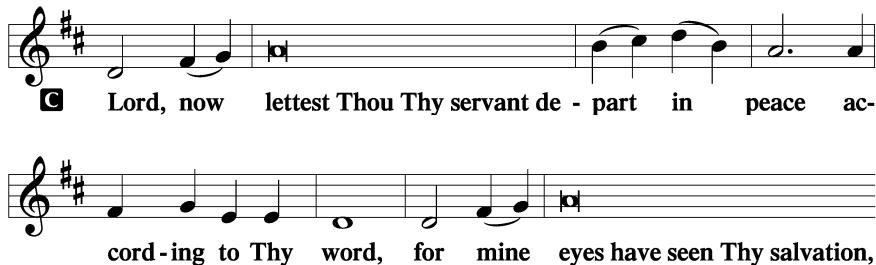
Distribution

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

- #625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread
- #627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior
- #524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
- #900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

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

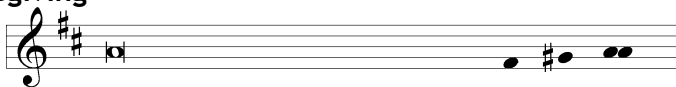


to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

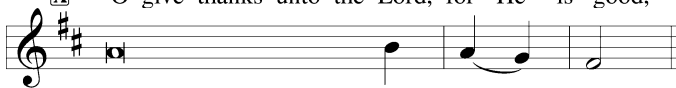


is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



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



B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

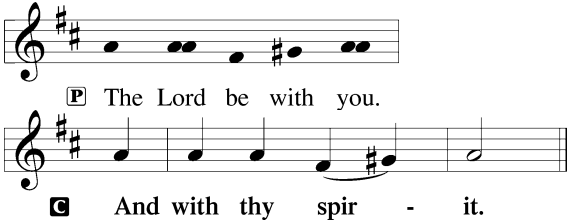
A Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

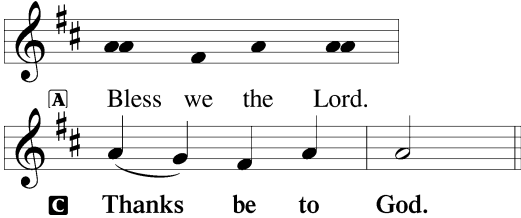
Salutation



P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

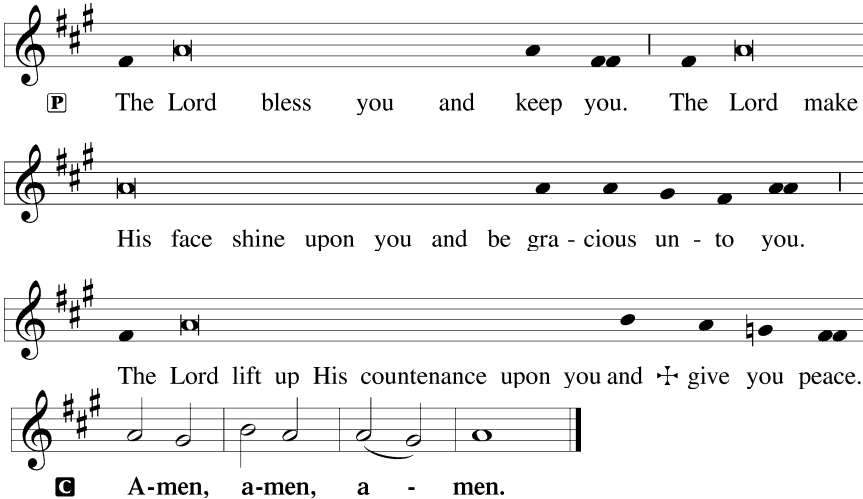
Benedicamus



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.

G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

#811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

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

Preaching / Celebrant

Rev. Samuel Wirgau

Vicar

Sem. Charles McLain

Fieldworker

Sem. Brandon Streeks

Deaconess

Wendy Boehm

Head Elder

Bruce Werling

Elders on Duty

Bruce Meyer and Steve Conrad

Kantor

Richard Brinkley

Acolytes

Jude Wirgau and Alex Fuhrmann

Altar Guild Chairman

Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver

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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm 260-415-8526

Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School Rally Day

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. WOB Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Wholyfit

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Visual Faith

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Chapel Service

7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service

THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Wholyfit

7:00 p.m. WOB Bible Study

SATURDAY

5:00 p.m. Ossian Day's Parade (school is marching)

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class – Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

11:30 a.m. Board of Elders Meeting

4:00-6:30 p.m. Fall Festival

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

FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Helen Schuemann and her birthday.

FLOWERS PLACED ON THE HYMN BOARD TABLE have been given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 30 years of marriage to Mark and Deb Patrick.

Sunday School Rally Day: TODAY Sunday, September 7th. 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.

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.

Fall Women's Bible Study: "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. Our study will be offered on Mondays at 2pm and Thursdays at 7pm. Pick a day which best suits your schedule! We will begin on Monday, September 8th and Thursday, September 11th.. If interested contact Deaconess Boehm.

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY - THANK YOU to everyone who has donated paper crafting supplies for our VFM workshops. **Our first workshop will be on Tuesday, September 9 from 6 - 8 pm** in the Art Room. We will be exploring a scripture/prayer writing practice called 'open spaces' and creating faith mail to give/send to a friend. Please register online at <https://blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry/> or reach out to Deann Oliver via text at 616-894-0144 or email deannrene@outlook.com. No cost to attend, but donations will be accepted to help offset supply costs.

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.

LWML Upcoming Events. Saturday, September 13, Fall Gathering at Emmanuel-Soest, Registration 8:30 to 8:55. Program: The Hope Clinic Many new doors are opening, and, by the Grace of God, many women are choosing life. Come hear the exciting news! Items for the ingathering include diapers, (sizes 3,4,5), baby wipes, Formula-Enfamil Gentlease (purple can) and new toys for newborn thru age 4. Following a brief meeting a light lunch will be served by Emmanuel-Soest. All are welcome.

Our next book club pick is *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien! Join us for discussion on **Saturday, November 1 at 8:00am. About the Book:**

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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS TO BEGIN – Wednesday September 17, at 7:30 pm.

Do you enjoy singing hymns? If you do, and you can carry the tune then you could sing in the choir! If you wish to join the choir speak with Kantor Brinkley or just simply come to the first rehearsal.

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!

PORK CHOP DINNER- October 5th, our annual Carry out only Pork Chop dinner is coming up! Yard signs will be available in the north hallway to use in your yard to help us advertise this tasty event. Sign up sheets for before, during and after help for the event are on the west hallway bulletin board. You can purchase dinners from Pat Meyer (260-227-0400) or Cheryl Louison (260-424-5526) for \$15 each. Dinners include a smoked pork chop, cheesy potatoes, dinner roll and green beans. Drive through only at Lighted Gardens, 11-1:00p. Don't miss this delicious event!

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.

WHOLYFIT IS BACK THIS FALL!!! Ladies, grab your exercise mat and join us on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS from **6 - 6:45 pm** for a time of stretching, strengthening and SCRIPTURE! **Classes resume Sept 8th.** Reach out to Deann Oliver for more information. 616-894-0144 or deannrene@outlook.com

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.

Save the Date—Right to Life Workshop at St. Paul, Preble **When: September 20th, 2025 9am-12pm.** The workshop will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Preble ([4510 W 750 N, Decatur, IN 46733](#)). This workshop is open to adults and students 7th grade and older. *Please register at www.ichooselife.org/prebleworkshop. \$5 at the door or online. For questions, please call 260-471-1849 or email lucy@ichooselife.org. Registration by cash is available at the door.

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.

Martini Hog Roast is BACK!! September 27th, 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.

Offering August 31, 2025

Average weekly need \$13,818

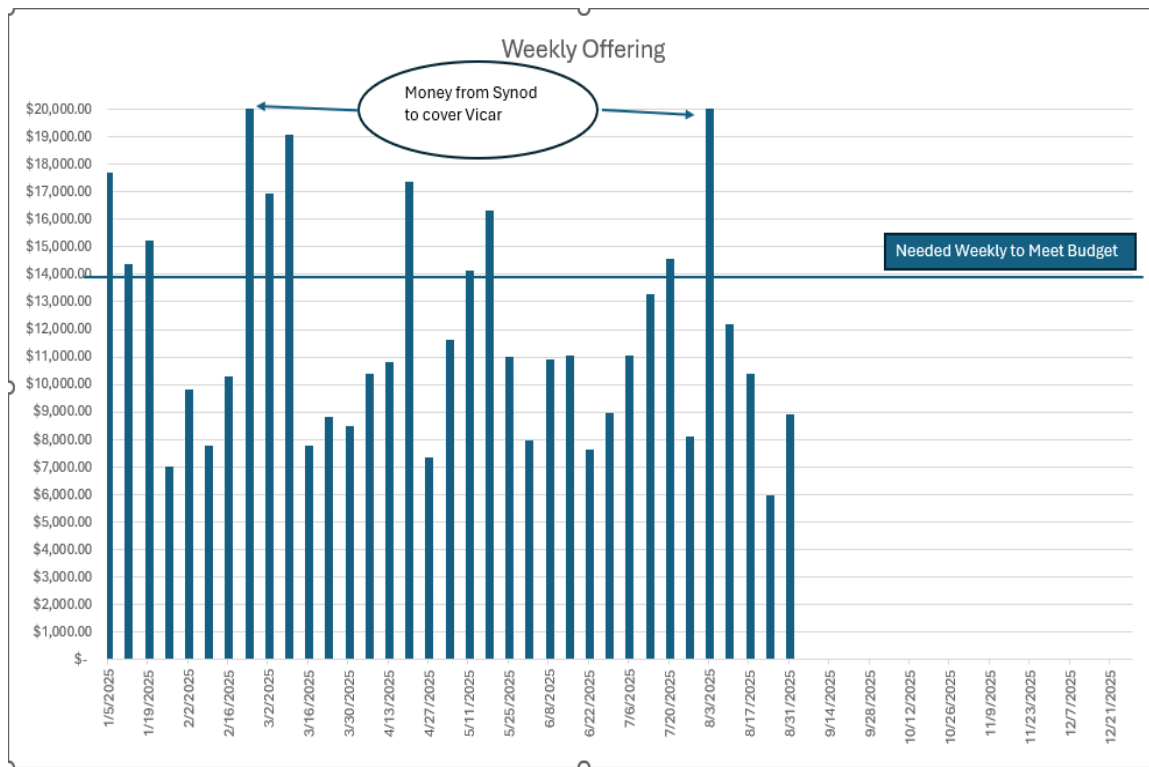
Home Fund Env.	\$8,070.86
Synod	200.00
Loose	157.25
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	
Memorials	<u>355.00</u>
Total	\$8,783.11

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$17,403.38
Next week's bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$5,000
Savings Account Balance	\$13,497.09
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
Operating Loan Balance	\$650
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$29,350

Church Attendance

Sunday	137/115
Wednesday	21/14





FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 14

4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Food

Sloppy Joes
Hot Dogs
Cheesy Potatoes

Games & Activities

4:00-5:30

Bingo

5:30-6:30



Bounce House

4:00-5:30

Hay Ride

5:30-6:30

Pies and Ice Cream by WOB

The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The week following the 12th Sunday after Trinity



“A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “Ephphatha” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book” (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

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: “Word of God Come Down on Earth” LSB #545

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

The Catechism:

What is the Seventh Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is Ephesians 4:28?

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Ephesians 4:28

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

What is 1 Peter 4:8?

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	60, 61	65	66	68	71	73	75, 76
P.M.	62	63, 64	67, 70	69	72	74	77

Psalm 146 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	Genesis 13:1-12 - Abram Gives Lot the Choice of the Land 2 Kings 5:9-27
Tues.	Luke 19:1-10 - Jesus Comes to Zacchaeus's House 2 Kings 6:1-23
Wed.	1 Samuel 19:1-7 - Jonathan Spoke Up for David 2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29
Thu.	Matthew 5:33-45 - Bless Those Who Curse 2 Chronicles 29:1-24
Fri.	Luke 23:33-43 - Jesus Prays for His Enemies 2 Chronicles 31:1-21
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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: Brittany, Sandy, Elaine, Eleanor, Steve, Raven, Ron, Donna, Gail, Judy, Carla, Brandon, Sandra **Expectant mothers:**, Betsy, Grace, **Protection:** Stephen, **Homebound:** Ruth, Marilyn, Marilyn, Donald, Norwin and Martha, **Birth of a baby boy:** Abigail, **Wedding Anniversary:** Mark and Deb

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: Holy Cross Day

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Gospel: John 12:20-33; Hymns: 455, 454, 628, 629, 427, 560, 425, 837