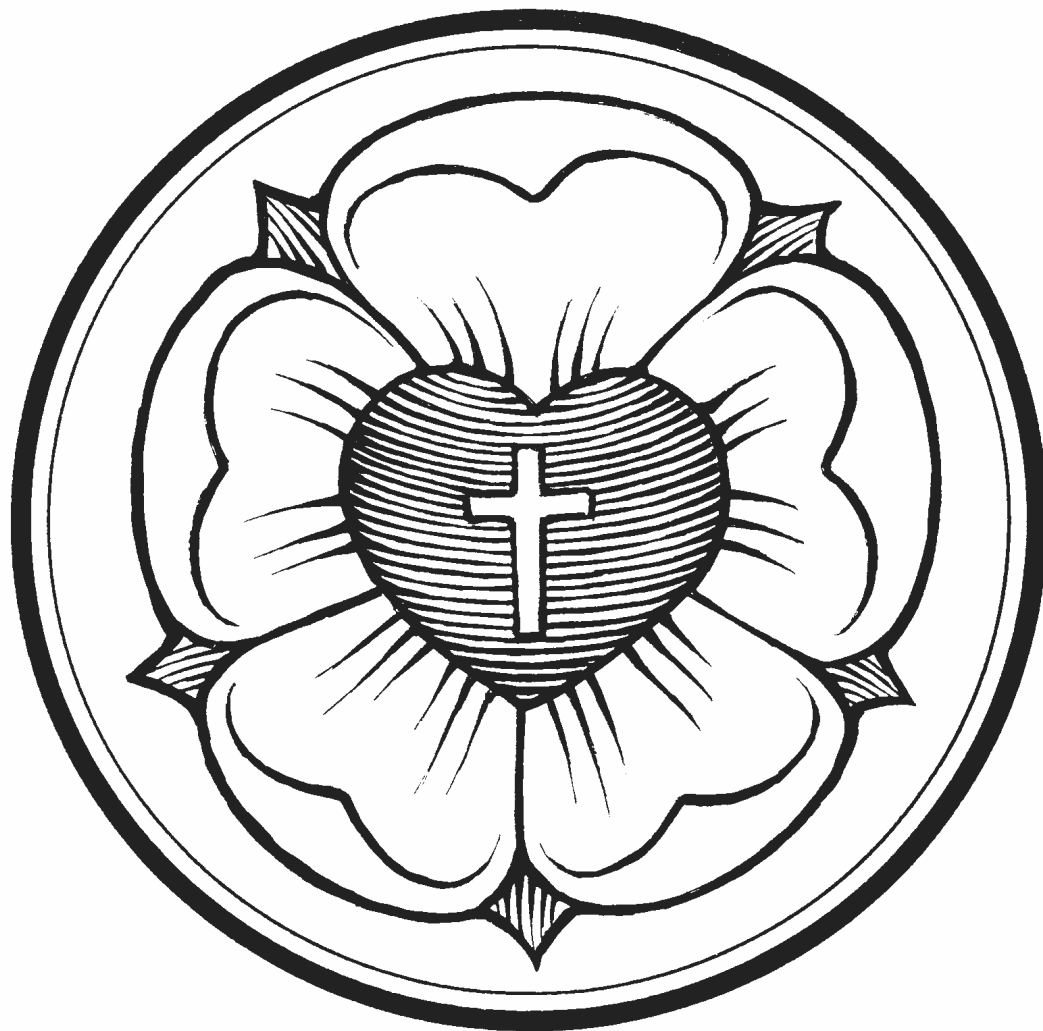


# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



*Reformation Day Observed*

Divine Service – Setting One

October 26, 2025

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Pre-Service Music *Bethlehem Handbell Choir*

Processional Hymn

#555 Salvation unto Us Has Come  
*Choir sing st 2 and 4*



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -  
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For  
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And  
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our  
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those  
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a  
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's  
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our  
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.  
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word pg. 151

### Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
 and shall not be | put to shame.

**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.

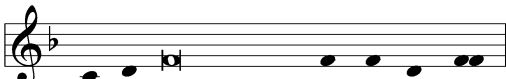
**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\***  
**I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*  
 none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

***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 will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]\*  
 and shall not be | put to shame.

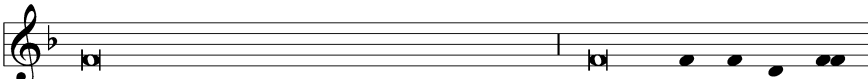
# Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



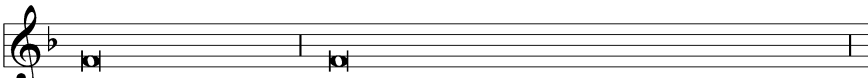
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



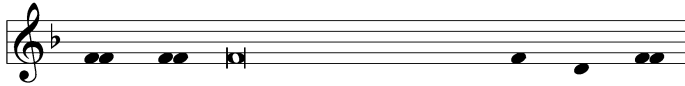
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

### First Reading

*Revelation 14:6–7*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Response “How Firm a Foundation”

### Epistle

*Romans 3:19–28*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law

and the Prophets bear witness to it—<sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 11:12–19*

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



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

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear. <sup>16</sup>“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, <sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ <sup>19</sup>The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

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



**C** Praise to You, 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

#555 Salvation unto Us Has Come  
*Choir sings st 7 and 9*



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-  
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be  
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con-science-  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
△ 10 All bless-ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No  
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your  
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be  
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can  
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.  
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.  
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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## Sermon

### Prayer of the Church

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

*Grace Anderson (friend of Macie Saalfrank with brain tumor)*

*Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister) Deb Schumm (sister inlaw of Ted and Denise Schumm)*

*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 Stuckwisch, Makena Graham*

**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**


## Offering

## Offertory

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

# Service of the Sacrament pg. 160


## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



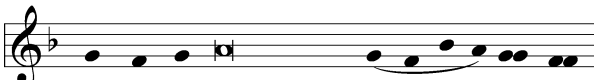
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

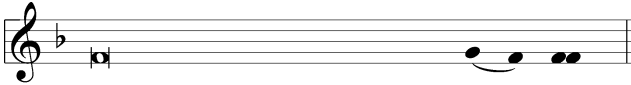
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

### Pax Domini



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



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Distribution

**Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper** in our worship. Bethlehem Lutheran Church administers this Holy Supper in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive, along with the Bread and Wine, the very Body and Blood of Jesus through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Furthermore, the communicants as a body of believers make a confession of the unity of their faith. **Those desiring to receive the Sacrament with us, who are not communicant members of Bethlehem or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, are asked to please speak with the Pastor before the service.**

## Distribution Hymns

#642 O Living Bread from Heaven


#643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#598 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

#655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

#566 By Grace I'm Saved


## Nunc Dimittis




**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -




pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

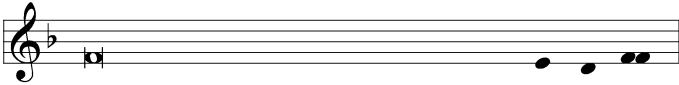
## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
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.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## #656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**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!

*Announcements can be emailed to the church secretary at [bethlehemoasiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemoasiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*  
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## IN HIS SERVICE

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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
	6:00 p.m. PTL Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
<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>
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**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** - In remembrance and thanksgiving for all the saints who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors, we would like to have a special "All Saint's Day" memorial on Sunday, November 5th. If you have a loved one you would like to add, please contact Deaconess Boehm or the church office with their name(s) by October 29th. There will be a special bulletin insert and those who have passed away in the last year will have their name read during the prayers. Please consider sharing in this special remembrance.

**THE WIDOWS GROUP** will be meeting on **TODAY** October 26th at The Galley in Decatur after church. If interested in attending or need a ride, contact Gail Werling.

**BETHLEHEM HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND SWISS STEAK DINNER** to be held on Sunday, November 2nd 11:00 -1:30 pm in the school gymnasium. If you or someone you know is interested in reserving a vendor table for the Bazaar, please contact Kay Schumm at 260-273-7402. Volunteers will be needed to help with this event, please see signup sheets posted in the north hallway.

***The LWML will have a cookie walk during the Holiday Bazaar and will need your donation of homemade cookies!***

**Bethlehem Lutheran School "ST. PADDY'S ALL CLOVER AGAIN"-Silent Auction and Gala Tickets are on sale NOW!** Tickets will be available today after church at the SCRIP table. Join us November 8<sup>th</sup> for a legendary night of fun all while raising money for our wonderful school! See attached flyer for more information.

**Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11 | 1-2 PM | School Gym:** Join us as we honor the men and women who have served our country with courage and sacrifice. All veterans, families, and community members are warmly invited. Please share the flyer in the newsletter with anyone who might be interested in attending. The event is free, but we kindly ask attendees to RSVP with the school secretary (260)597-7366 or [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com)) to help us plan for refreshments.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for our annual **SQUARE DANCE AND MEAL** on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Lighted Gardens. More information to follow.

**Visual Faith Workshop: Create a Gratitude & Prayer Journal** - join us for a special hands-on Visual Faith Workshop where we'll create beautiful Gratitude & Prayer Journals—tools to help deepen your spiritual walk and cultivate a heart of thankfulness. **Tuesday, November 11 from 6 - 8 pm.** All Materials Provided but feel free to bring your favorite adhesive and paper trimmer. This workshop is a time for reflection, creativity, and connection. Whether you're new to journaling or already love it, come and experience how faith and art can come together in meaningful ways. We will be working on these journals at our November and December workshops to have ready for the new year. **RSVP by November 7<sup>th</sup>** at <https://blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry/> or contact Deann Oliver at 616-894-0144.

**Decatur Circuit Tanzania Fundraiser** – Friday, November 21 beginning at 6 p.m. at Cross Creek Golf Course Double Eagle Pavilion in Decatur.. A full meal will be provided, and cards and board games will be available for relaxed Christian fellowship. The suggested donation is \$25 per person, but we will certainly be thankful for any amount below or above that, as the Lord gives us each means to support His work in Tanzania. If you would like to help with donations, set-up, service, and/or clean-up, please contact Jared Lengerich or Pastor Brock.

St. Peter-Immanuel Lutheran School is having a **Dan’s Famous Fish and Tenderloin Dinner & Bake Sale** on Saturday November 1st from 4:00-7:00pm with dine-in or drive thru service. Cost is \$15.00 per meal and includes AYCE fish and or tenderloin, also serving cheesy potatoes, applesauce or homemade coleslaw, cookies and a drink. Proceeds are going towards refurbishing the gym floor. **Mark your calendars for the Lutheran Bible Institute** to take place January 27, February 3, 10, 17. Contact Ted or Denise Schumm for further information or questions.

**SCRIP** – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. **The next order date will be November 2nd.** 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 October 19, 2025**

**Average weekly need \$14,000**

Home Fund Env.	\$12,711.91
Synod	
Loose	454.75
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	
Improvement Fund	430.00
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	49.47
Total	\$13,646.13

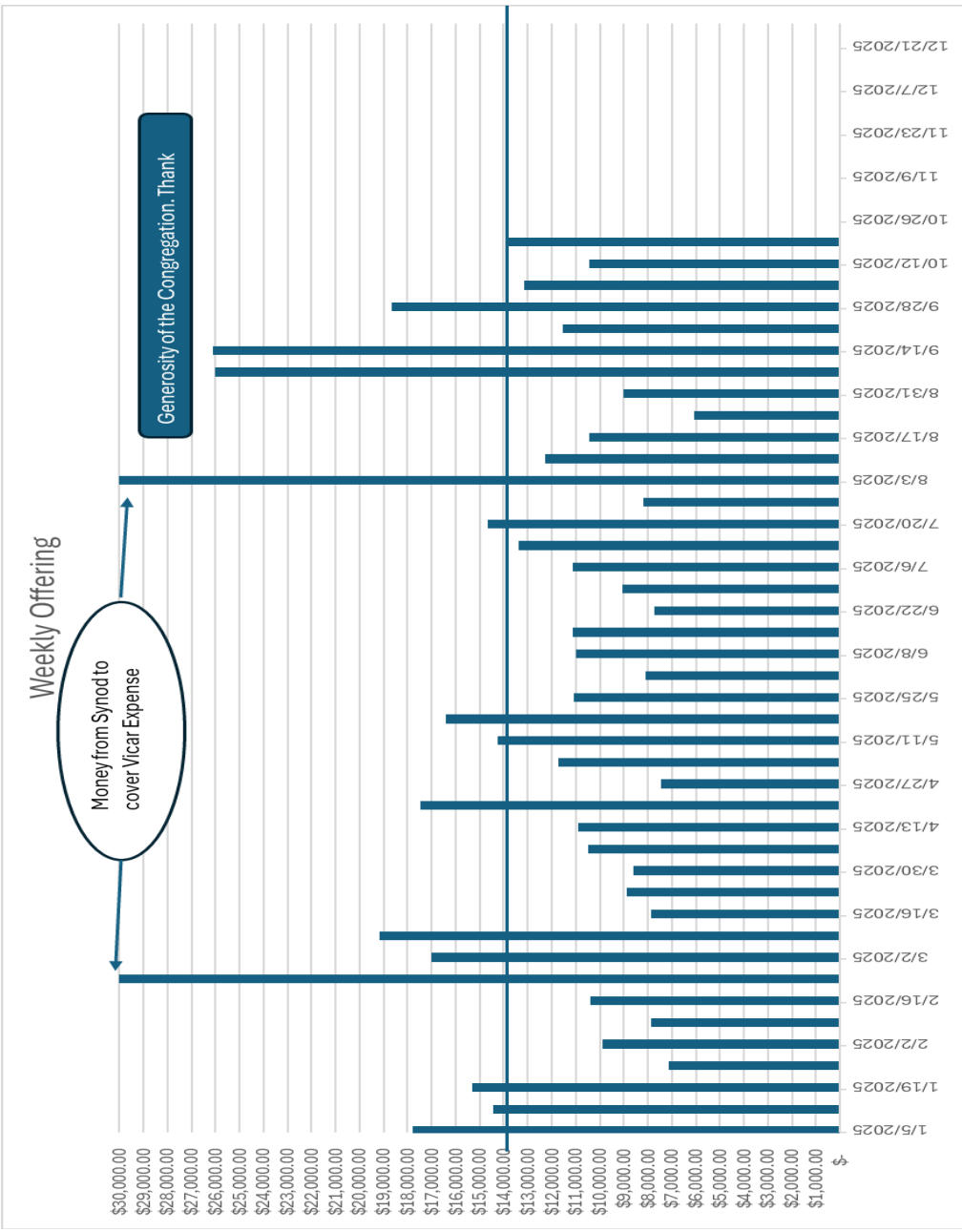
**Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$20,955.74</b>
Next week’s bills due:	\$24,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$15,860.75</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

**Church Attendance**

Sunday	180/141
Wednesday	21/17

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE NOW DUE**





# Holiday Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777

**Sunday, November 2, 2025  
11:00 to 1:30 pm**

*Swiss Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Green Beans  
Dinner Roll  
Dessert*

Adults \$15.00  
Children 10 & under \$6.00  
Hot Dog meal \$4.00  
**DINE IN or CARRY OUT**

*Proceeds go to  
Women of Bethlehem  
project fund.*



# Bethlehem Lutheran School St Paddy's All Clover Again Silent Auction and Gala

~Featuring entertainment by The Ragtag Bunch~

Join us for a legendary night of fun...  
all while raising money for our wonderful school!

**November 8, 2025**

**at The Lighted Gardens ~ 10794 St Rt 1, Ossian, IN**

Doors open & Silent Auction begins at 5:15pm ~ Dinner served at 6:30pm

Silent Auction ends at 7:10 ~ The Ragtag Bunch performs at 7:15

Ticket Prices

\$65 individual ~ \$115 couple ~ \$480 table of 8 (guaranteed seated together)

If purchasing a table, please have everyone at your table fill out a registration.

\*\*\* Last day to purchase tickets is October 26th! \*\*\*

Seating is limited!

Contact Jennifer Bultemeier 419-230-8068 or the school office 260-597-7366 for tickets

Please fill out the section below and return with payment. Thank you!

Silent Auction Registration 2025

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

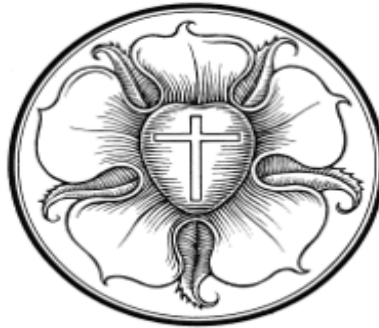
City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following the observance of Reformation Day



"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32).

## **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: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB #656**

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

***The Catechism:***

***What is the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed?***

*And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

***What is Romans 10:9-10?***

*Because, 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. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. Romans 10:9-10*

***Psalm 46 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.***

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	30	32	33	35	37	40	42, 43
P.M.	28, 29	31	34	36	38	39, 41	44

***Daily Bible Reading***

Mon.	John 5:1-15 - The Pool of Bethesda Deuteronomy 29:1-29
Tues.	John 5:10-23 - The Jews Seek to Kill Jesus for Breaking the Sabbath Deuteronomy 30:1-20
Wed.	John 5:24-47 - Life and Judgment through the <u>Son</u> Deuteronomy 31:1-29
Thu.	John 6:1-21 - The Feeding of the Five Thousand Deuteronomy 31:30-32:27
Fri.	John 6:22-69, - Jesus Is the Bread from Heaven Deuteronomy 32:28-52
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

***Prayers***

*Collect of the Day*

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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:** Grace, Lisa, Deb, 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: Observance of All Saints**

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17; Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12; Hymns: 672, 677, 617, 618, 676, 674, 673