

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

Divine Service – Setting One

October 5, 2025

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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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*

for you | answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

*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.
 Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
 for to you do I cry | all the day.
For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*
abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

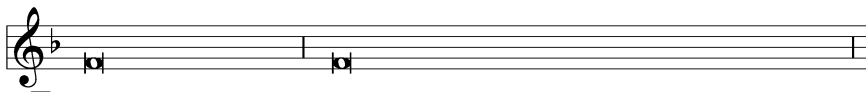
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.



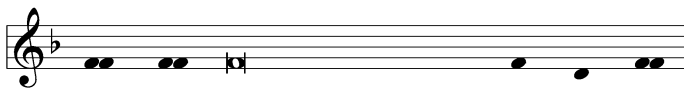
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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.

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD

my God, let this child's life come into him again.”²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Luke 7:11–17

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”** ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

**#758 The Will of God Is Always Best
(Choir sings vs 2)**

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Lisa Imbody (Layne Fisher's sister) Deb Schumm (sister in-law 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 Brinkeleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graff's sister)

We pray for our expectant mothers *Grace (Bauermeister) Cornman,
Hannah Stuckwisch, Makena Graham*

We pray for protection: *Pastor and Mrs. Moehring'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

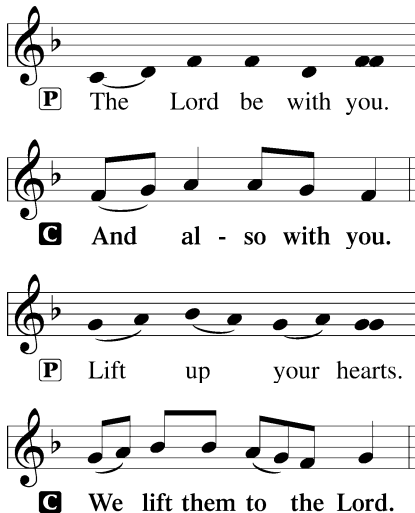
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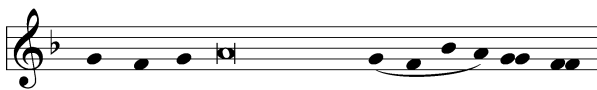
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in 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.

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

- #634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord
- #636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- #752 Be Still, My Soul
- #741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
- Choral Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

Nunc Dimittis

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 ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn

#548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

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!

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God and from Diane Thorpe in loving remembrance of Bruce Thorpe.

FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMNBOARD are given to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of Lois Lutz by Anita and Jeff Miller and family.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – October 19th after Adult Bible Class

LWML SUNDAY – TODAY Oct. 5th – Mite boxes are available on the narthex tables if needed. 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.

PORK CHOP DINNER Don't forget to pick up your pre ordered pork chop dinners TODAY, October 5th, between 11-1P at Lighted Gardens. Some extra meals may be available for purchase if you haven't pre-paid for a meal. Thanks for supporting the cause!

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 8th 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) to help us plan for refreshments.

Decatur Circuit Tanzania Fundraiser – Friday, November 21 beginning at 6 p.m. at Cross Creek Golf Course Double Eagle Pavilion in Decatur. For a first attempt at such a fundraiser, we are keeping things simple and casual. 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. Cash, check, and credit card will be accepted. If you would like to help with donations, set-up, service, and/or clean-up, please contact Jared Lengerich or Pastor Brock.

FRIENDS OF WYNEKEN - In 1925, a group of Lutherans with strong ties to Fort Wayne purchased the campus of Valparaiso University with plans to turn it into a Lutheran school of higher education. The Friends of Wyneken will host a presentation on the history of the purchase of Valparaiso and its connections to the Ku Klux Klan, the Walther League, and the American Luther League on Sunday, October 12 at 3 PM at the historic Wyneken House. The house will be open for visitors to tour from 2-5 PM. It is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

VISUAL FAITH MINISTRY - Mark your calendar for our next **workshop on Tuesday, October 14th from 6 - 8 pm** in the school Art Room. Be sure to sign up so we have supplies ready for you! We will be making a gratitude garland to display in your home this fall. Sign up at <https://blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry/> Reach out to Deann Oliver via text at 616-894-0144 or by email deannrene@outlook.com for questions. No cost to attend, but donations will be appreciated to help with supply costs.

SCRIP – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SPECIAL ORDERS. 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 September 28, 2025

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$13,719.28
Synod	1,270.00
Loose	132.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	4.75
Improvement Fund	420.00
Endowment Fund	
Organ Fund	10.00
Concordia Sem.	1,000.00
Worship Anew	1,000.00
Clausen Endowment	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$18,556.03

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance \$	
Next week's bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$6,000
Savings Account Balance \$15,106.81	
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
Operating Loan Balance \$30,000	
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday	176/129
Wednesday	





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 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity



A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

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: "The Will of God Is Always Best" LSB #758

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

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

What is James 2:10?

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. James 2:10

Psalms 30 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	119:89-112	119:137-152	122, 123	125 126	128, 129	131, 132	135
P.M.	119:113-136	119:153-176	124	127	130	133, 134	136

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	John 12:1-11 - Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany Deuteronomy 5:22-6:9
Tues.	John 12:12-26 - Palm Sunday Deuteronomy 6:10-25
Wed.	John 12:27-41 - The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up Deuteronomy 7:1-19
Thu.	John 14:1-14 - Jesus Is the Way to the Father Deuteronomy 8:1-20
Fri.	John 19:1-24, - Jesus Is Crucified Deuteronomy 9:1-22
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Daily Themes For Prayer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In our Prayers this week: Strength and healing: 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: Proverbs 25:6-14; Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6; Gospel: Luke 14:1-11; Hymns: 587, 557, 637, 639, 662, 857, 644
