

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

6514 E 750 N Ossian, IN 46777

A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Divine Service – Setting One

November 16, 2025

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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 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.

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Introit (sung responsively with the choir)



If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*

O Lord, | who could stand?

But with you there is for- | giveness,*

that you | may be feared.

Out | of the depths*

I cry to you, | O LORD!

O Lord, | hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

And he will redeem | Israel*

from all his in- | iquities.

*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.*
If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,*
O Lord, | who could stand?
**But with you there is for- | giveness,*
that you | may be feared.**

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

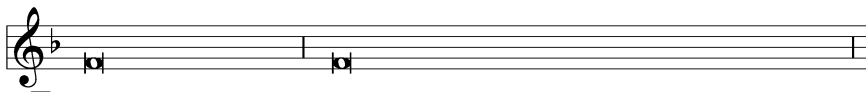
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

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.



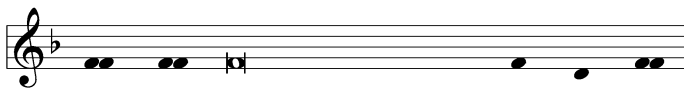
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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 God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸He has told you, O man, what is good;
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Choir "What God Ordains is Always Good"

Epistle

Philippians 1:3–11

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- 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 18:21–35

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**” ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

#611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)

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 and Enoch Krenzke (grandchildren of Dan and Sue Buchinger)

Brittany (Conrad) Clausius, Sandy Avey

Elaine Scallon (cousin of Loren Dathe battling cancer)

Steve Asbroft (grandfather of Ron Trammel)

Raven Baker (daughter of Ryan and Kari)

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)

Anniversary blessing *Kim and Gina Graft celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary*

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

Offering

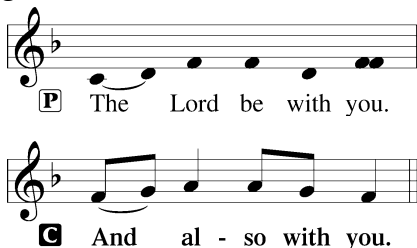
Offertory



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. 190

Preface



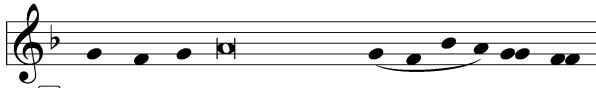
P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.



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:

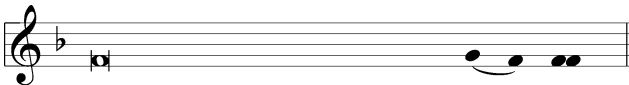
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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



☐ A - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ 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

- #621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
- #622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
- #843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
- #606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus
- #845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

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.

G 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.



Closing Hymn

#851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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 bethlehemossianssec@gmail.com or the church office at 597-7121.
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchurchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Vicar Charles McLain
Celebrant	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
Fieldworker	Sem. Brandon Streeks
Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
Elders on Duty	Ted Schumm and Andrew Stoppenhagen
Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Choir	Bethlehem Junior Choir
Acolytes	Jonah Bultemeier and JT Holtzclaw
Altar Guild Chairman	Cheryl Louison and Deann Oliver
Ushers	Jared Meyer, Cale Schumm, Nathan Meyer Evan Springer, Grant Schemann, Adam Lambert

Pastor: Rev. Samuel Wirgau	260-273-7595
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	260-597-7121
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Assoc. Pastor, Headmaster: Rev. Anthony Dodgers	616-648-6489
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Deaconess: Wendy Boehm	260-415-8526
Website for Church and School: www.blcsossian.org	

TODAY	8:00 a.m.	WOB Meeting
	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)
MONDAY	5:00 p.m.	Girls vs St. Peter Immanuel (HOME)
	6:00 p.m.	Boys vs St. Peter Immanuel (HOME)
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m.	Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Catechesis Class
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Spoken Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
THURSDAY	5:30 p.m.	Board of Christian Education Meeting
FRIDAY	6:00 p.m.	Square Dance (Lighted Gardens)
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)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR this morning have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ralph Schumm.

FLOWERS PLACED UNDER THE HYMNBOARD this morning have been given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of 45 years of marriage to Kim and Gina Graft.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – Sunday, November 23, 2025 after Bible Class

WIDOWS GROUP – will meet on TODAY, November 16th after Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall for a Thanksgiving Potluck and card games. Contact Gail Werling for more information.

LWML / WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM CHRISTMAS PROJECT – We will be collecting Christmas gifts for Seminarian Brandon Streeks and Vicar Charles McLain November 16-December 7th. A collection box will be available. Gift cards can be placed in the LWML mailbox in the church office or given to Judy Moehring.

SQUARE DANCE AND DINNER The Women of Bethlehem group is planning a night of food, music, and square dancing at Lighted Gardens on Friday, Nov. 21st. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. and dancing at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (adult, high school and older) and \$10 (student, K-8th grade). **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY** by purchasing at the church office, Lighted Gardens or by calling Pat Meyer at 260-227-0400 or spmeyer82@gmail.com. **RESERVATIONS would be greatly appreciated.** Pat Meyer will be available after church today to purchase or reserve tickets.

CHEESE BALLS – The youth still have homemade cheese balls available in the Fellowship Hall kitchen freezer. \$7.00 each or 3 for \$20. Please see Deaconess Boehm or a member of the youth group.

METAL RECYCLING DRIVE – The Washington DC group is once again collecting scrap metal as a fundraiser for their spring DC trip. A dumpster will be located at the home of Jay and Barb Werling (4126 E 800 N Ossian) throughout the month of November.

BOOK CLUB - Join us for our next winter book club pick: “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis. We will meet Saturday, January 17th after Christmas break.

Decatur Circuit Tanzania Fundraiser – Friday, November 21 beginning at 5 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.

Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School, (11565 N US HWY 27, Decatur, IN) is hosting a craft show on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to craft vendors, enjoy the Cookie Corner and Homemade Concessions. All proceeds are directed towards the Washington D.C. class trips. Vendor booths are still available. If you are interested in a booth or would like more information, please email craftshow@wyneken.org.

SCRIP – Please be sure to check out our new scrip certificate order sheet and ordering dates posted on the bulletin board. **Deadline for the next order date is December 7th**. 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 November 9, 2025

Average weekly need \$14,000

Home Fund Env.	\$9,123.03
Synod	50.00
Loose	574.00
Scholarship Fund	125.00
Sunday School	27.75
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	25.00
Organ Fund	200.00
Lutheran Witness	30.00
Total	\$10,154.78

Financial Report

Home Fund Balance	\$15,667.45
Next week's bills due:	\$15,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$18,000
Savings Account Balance	\$17,215.48
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
Operating Loan Balance	\$30,000
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

Church Attendance

Sunday	159/119
Wednesday	22/18

Here is the monthly report for the Bethlehem Lutheran School Endowment Fund by the Lutheran Foundation. The following information is accurate as of September 30, 2025:

\$373,427.82 - Amount Bethlehem sent in since 2009
 230,383.00 - Amount the Lutheran Foundation matched
 384,189.05 - Amount generated since 2009
-179,500.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2009
 \$808,499.87 - Value of the Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2025

Dr. David Nahrwold Fund

\$ 90,078.93 - Amount sent in since November 2024
 8,526.27 - Amount generated since November 2024
-10,000.00 - Amount disbursed to Bethlehem since 2024
 \$ 88,605.20 - Value of Dr. David Nahrwold Fund as of September 30, 2025

GRAB YOUR PARTNER!
IT'S TIME FOR A
SQUARE DANCE!

AND DINNER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

MEAL from 6:00-7:30 pm

DANCING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

FEATURING: BREAKAWAY

at

LIGHTED GARDENS

10794 N. STATE RD. 1, OSSIAN, IN

PULLED PORK DINNER & 2 DRINK TICKETS

\$25 ADULT (HIGH SCHOOL & OLDER),

\$10 (K-8TH GRADE)

FREE FOR AGES 4 AND UNDER



RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY CALLING:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 260-597-7366,

Lighted Gardens 260-622-4023, or

PAT MEYER 260-227-0400

Or email: spmeyer82@gmail.com

Sponsored by The Women of Bethlehem

Reservations would be greatly appreciated.



Attention All New Donors:

Discover the joy of giving through the SGO program.

For the 2025/2026 school year, any Lutheran SGO gift from a new donor, or a new business, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses will be matched **\$1 for \$1 up to \$1,000 per donor, up to \$5,000 per school, up to an accumulated total of \$175,000 for all Lutheran SGO schools.** This is a first-received, first-matched basis.

Your support will ensure that children attending our Lutheran and Christian schools will receive a quality, faith-based education.

Why Give:

Support Christian education and receive a 50% credit to reduce or eliminate your Indiana State taxes.

How to Give:

Donate to the Lutheran SGO via check, card, stock, ACH/EFT, PayPal, IRAs, wire transfer, grant, or Donor Advised Funds. Check out our website at www.lutheransgo.org.

For More Information,

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The House of Daily Bread

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following
The week following the ~~2nd~~ Sunday after Trinity



With what shall we come before the Lord (Micah 6:6) who forgives all our sins, and how often shall our fellow Christians sin against us and we forgive them (Matt. 18:21)? Our gracious God on high does not need our "burnt offerings" or "thousands of rams" (Micah 6:6-7), which we could legitimately offer in thanksgiving. He is the Savior who gave His only-begotten Son for our transgression. He offers the fruit of His body, once hanging dead on a cross but now living and giving life in His holy Meal, for the sin of our souls (Micah 6:7). Because He releases us from our enormous debt of sin against Him, we need not imprison our fellow sinners with our lack of love and refusal of forgiveness (Matt. 18:24, 27, 30). As partakers of His grace, we yearn for one another "with the affection of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:8). As forgiven sinners, "filled with the fruit of Christ's righteousness," our "love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment" (Phil. 1:11, 9), for He leads us "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8).

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: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” LSB #611

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

The Catechism:

What does this [Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed] mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

What is John 10:16?

I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

John 10:16

Psalm 116:12-19 and/or the appointed daily Psalms listen below.

Daily Psalm	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
A.M.	82, 84	85	88	89	91	92	95, 96
P.M.	83	86	87	90	93	94	97

Daily Bible Reading

Mon.	John 11:1-16 - The Death of Lazarus Jeremiah 33:1-22
Tues.	John 11:17-37 - Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life Jeremiah 37:1-21
Wed.	John 11:38-44 - Lazarus Is Raised from the Dead Jeremiah 38:1-28
Thu.	John 11:45-57 - The Plot to Kill Jesus Daniel 1:1-21
Fri.	John 12:1-11 - Jesus Is Anointed at Bethany Daniel 2:1-23
Sat.	<i>Look ahead to Sunday's Readings</i>

Prayers

Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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: Dan, Grace, Lisa, Deb, Hazel, Enoch, Brittany, Sandy, Elaine, Steve, Raven, 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: Last Sunday of the Church Year
Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13; Hymns: 663, 516, 623, 624, 514, 872, 910, 515