

# Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*A congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



## *Last Sunday of the Church Year*

Divine Service – Setting One

November 23, 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.**

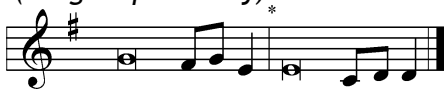
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.

## Service of the Word pg. 151

Introit *(sung responsively)*

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing,\*  
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

**They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,\*  
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.\***

**Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!**

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.

**Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\***

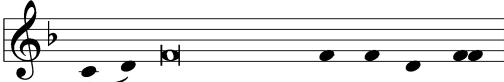
**Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**

*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.*

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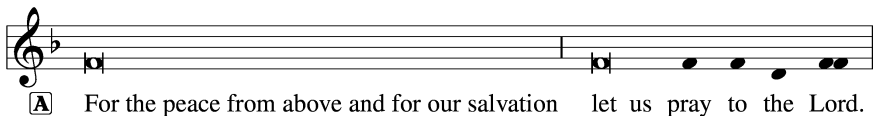
## Kyrie



**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.



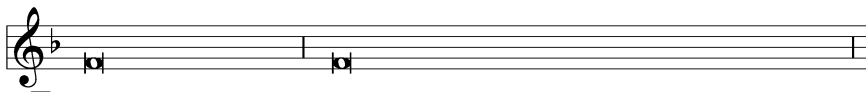
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



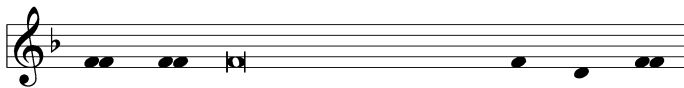
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>Behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever

in that which I create;  
 for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
 and her people to be a gladness.  
<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
 and be glad in my people;  
 no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
 and the cry of distress.  
<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it  
 an infant who lives but a few days,  
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,  
 for the young man shall die a hundred years old,  
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.  
<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;  
 they shall not plant and another eat;  
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain  
 or bear children for calamity,  
 for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,  
 and their descendants with them.  
<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer;  
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
 and dust shall be the serpent's food.  
 They shall not hurt or destroy  
 in all my holy mountain,"  
 says the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king,\*  
 with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.  
 With joy and gladness they are | led along\*  
 as they enter the palace | of the king.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are

not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**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 25:1–13*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☩ 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

#516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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

*Megan Dunham, Kenneth Werling, Dan Bush (stepfather of Chad Dunham)*

*James DeFrain, 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 Ashcroft (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 Brinkeleys), Sandra Flum (Susan Graft's sister)*

**Anniversary blessing:** *Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen celebrating 36 years of marriage*

*Stan and Pat Meyer celebrating 43 years of marriage*

**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)*

*Marihyn Meyer (Kingston)*

*Marihyn Franke (Christian Care)*

*Rev. Donald Lutz (Lutheran Life Village)*

*Norvin 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 presence of all His people, 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;**

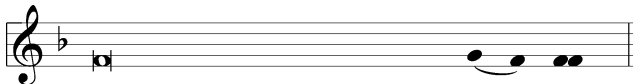
and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
**For Thine is the kingdom**  
**and the power and the glory**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

### 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 ✠ 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.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**C** 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

- #623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray
- #624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born
- #514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
- #872 Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star
- #910 Now the Silence

## Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared 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.

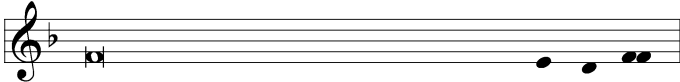
## Post-Communion Collect

**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.



## 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.



## Closing Hymn

## #515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

***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 [bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemossiansec@gmail.com) or the church office at 597-7121.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/bethlehemlutheranchossian> 9:00 a.m. Livestream

## IN HIS SERVICE

Preaching	Rev. Samuel Wirgau
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Vicar	Sem. Charles McLain
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Deaconess	Wendy Boehm
Head Elder	Bruce Werling
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Kantor	Richard Brinkley
Organist	Emilie Meyer
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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. Voter’s Assembly Meeting
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL
	5:30 p.m. Catechesis Class
	<b>7:00 p.m. Evening Spoken Service</b>
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Matins Service</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	NO SCHOOL
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 a.m. Family Bible Class (NO Sunday School)
	11:30 a.m. Voice of Bethlehem (WZBD 92.7)

***Day of Thanksgiving Service – Please join us Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am***

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** this morning have been given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of 36 years of marriage to Neil and Susan Stoppenhagen and 43 years of marriage to Stan and Pat Meyer.

**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING – TODAY November 23rd after Bible Class**

**Advent Devotional booklets that can be added to Pastor Wirgau's House of Daily Bread will be available next Sunday.**

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

**CARD SHOWER** - Leon and Arlene Werling will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 29. If you would like to send them an anniversary card, their address is 8601 N 450 E, Ossian 46777. We wish them God's blessings and a Happy Anniversary!

**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.

**Women of Bethlehem** is looking for volunteers to help serve and provide food for the annual Christmas School Luncheon on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. A sign up sheet is posted to the west hallway bulletin board.

**Women of Bethlehem** will be putting together fruit baskets for our elderly and shut-in members on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will assemble them in the Fellowship Hall at 9 am. Please consider meeting at that time to help put the baskets together and deliver them. The baskets are very much appreciated by our members.

**Visual Faith Workshop** — **Tuesday, December 9 | 6–8 pm** Ready to spark your creativity and express your faith visually? Join us for an inspiring evening as we continue working on our prayer & gratitude journals in the downstairs school art room. Haven't started one yet? No worries—this is the perfect time to jump in and begin your journey! Come for fellowship, fun, and a chance to create something meaningful. Leave with a journal that reflects your gratitude and prayers in beautiful, personal detail. **RSVP by December 5th** at: [blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry](http://blcsossian.org/visual-faith-ministry) Let's create, connect, and enjoy fellowship together—your journal is waiting for you!

**METAL RECYCLING DRIVE** – Scrap metal collection is in progress! Our DC group's container at the Werling's house has plenty of room left - let's fill it up by November's end! Got metal items to dispose of? Drop them off anytime! Need help with loading or transport? Jay Werling and Jason Rekeweg are happy to assist! Let's make this recycling effort a success - every piece counts!

**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.

**The Friends of Wyneken** will host a Christmas open house at the historic Wyneken House on Sunday, December 7 from 1-5 PM. The house will be decorated for the holiday season with a variety of themed Christmas villages including a Victorian town, an alpine village and a Thomas Kinkadee neighborhood. The Wyneken House is located at 11730 NW Winchester Road, Decatur, Indiana.

**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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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 16, 2025**

<b><u>Average weekly need \$14,000</u></b>	
Home Fund Env.	\$16,664.49
Synod	200.00
Loose	319.00
Scholarship Fund	
Sunday School	4.25
Improvement Fund	
Endowment Fund	200.00
Organ Fund	149.47
Lutheran Witness	25.00
Copy Machine Use	52.00
Cemetery Main.	500.00
Fellowship Hall Rent	<u>120.00</u>
Total	\$18,234.21

### **Financial Report**

<b>Home Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$19,346.46</b>
Next week's bills due:	\$18,000
Bills due two weeks:	\$15,000
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$17,715..48</b>
Borrowed from Savings:	\$46,000
<b>Operating Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
Borrowed from Op Loan	\$0.00

### **Church Attendance**

Sunday	195/151
Wednesday	22/17



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## Attention All New Donors:

Discover the joy of giving through the SGO program.

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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.

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## *The House of Daily Bread*

A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer following  
The week following the Last Sunday of the Church Year



“The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. “For you know neither the day nor the hour” when the Son of Man is to return. (Matt. 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God’s grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is. 65:17–25).

## **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: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" LSB #516*

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

***The Catechism:***

***What is Baptism?***

*Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.*

***Which is that word of God?***

*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19*

***Psalm 149 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