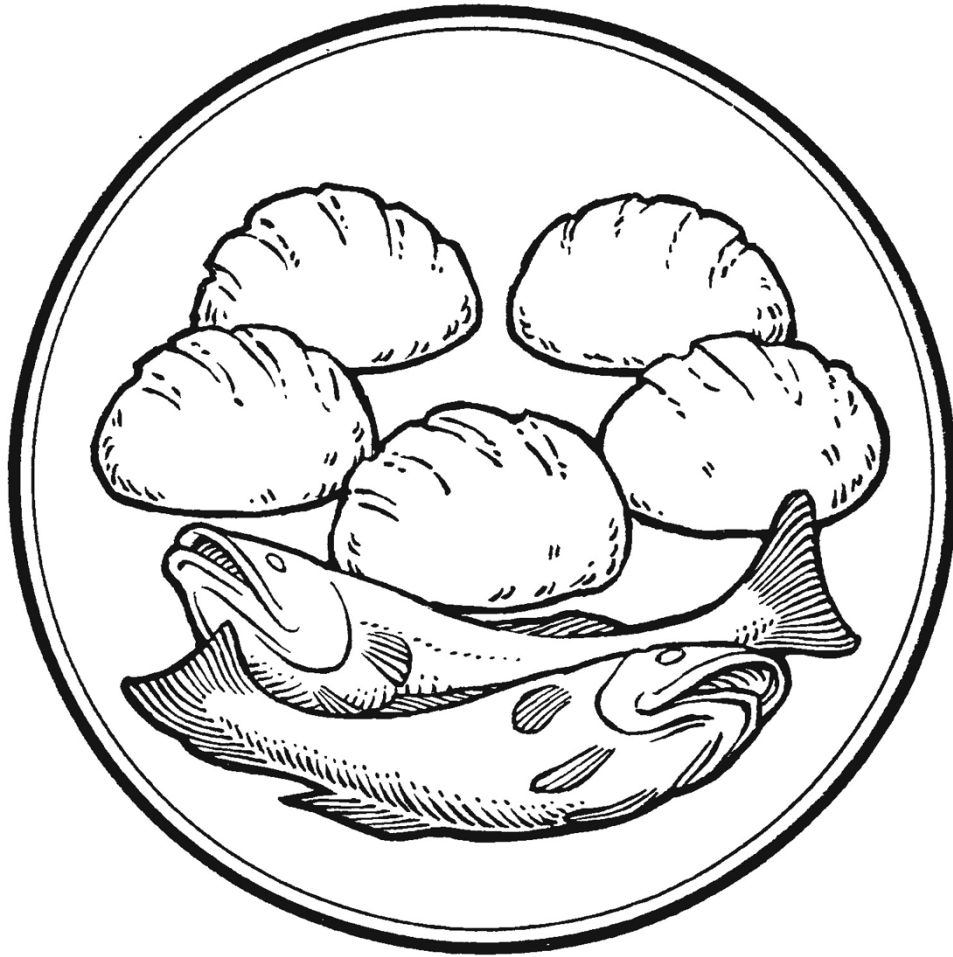


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## *Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)* *March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020*

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**Welcome to Bethlehem Lutheran – Ferrin!** We are glad to have you join us today. Every week we gather to receive the gifts of our risen and living Savior, Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about what we believe, teach, and confess, please feel free to speak with Pastor Jennings. The Lord's blessings to you in Christ Jesus.

**The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the confession that Jesus Christ gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sin (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:29). With joyful obedience to this clear teaching, all are invited to His table who trust in Christ's words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive others and confess at this altar the same faith as those they will commune with. Out of concern for souls, anyone who has not yet been instructed, is in doubt, or who holds a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, should not partake in the Lord's Supper today.**

**This Week in our congregation:**

Today: 9:30am Divine Service  
Wednesday: 8:30am Matins  
7:00pm Lenten Vespers Service  
Sunday: 9:30am Divine Service w/out Holy Communion

**Serving in the Church Today:**

**Greeters:** Jeff & Lois Pigg  
**Organist:** Judy Kleiboeker  
**Acolytes:** Michael Brinkmann, Camryn Nolte  
**Ushers:** Darrell Brink, Jason Brinkmann, Bryanna French, Jeff Pigg  
**Altar Guild:** Kathryn Mines, Lynn Michael

**Large Catechism:** In the Greek this petition reads, "Deliver or preserve us from the Evil One, or the Wicked One." It seems to be speaking of the devil as the sum of all evil in order that the entire substance of our prayer may be directed against our archenemy. For it is he who obstructs everything for which we ask: God's name or honor, God's kingdom and will, our daily bread, a good and cheerful conscience, etc. Nevertheless, this petition includes all the evil that may befall us under the devil's kingdom: poverty, disgrace, death, and, in short, all the tragic misery and heartache, of which there is so incalculably much on earth. Thus you see how God wants us to pray to him for everything that attacks even our bodily welfare so that we seek and expect help from no one but him. But he has placed at the end this petition, for if we are to be protected and delivered from all evil, his name must first be hallowed in us, his kingdom come among us, and his will be done. In the end he will preserve us from sin and disgrace and from everything else that harms or injures us. – Large Catechism

**Announcements**

**What does this mean?** The Fourth Sunday in Lent is called Laetare, which, in Latin, means "Rejoice". This is the opening phrase of this Sunday's Introit, "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her..." (Isaiah 66:10).

**Midweek Lenten Services:** This Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm is the fourth of five midweek Lenten Vespers services. The focus during these midweek services will be on the Apostles' Creed. The Ten Commandments come first because by them God tells us what we must do and so forth. The Creed is the natural follow up to this as it teaches us about this God we are commanded to fear, love, and trust in above all things. The Holy Trinity is a mystery, and yet it has been revealed through Holy Scripture. You have been given to know this mystery by faith, even if your understanding or logic fail to grasp it. The Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian) help summarize the teachings of the Scripture. They are of the same intent as the Catechism itself, taking the teaching of Scripture and putting it into a simple, clear, and concise confession of what Scripture teaches and what we ourselves believe.

**Holy Week:** On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week, Bethlehem Lutheran Church will offer dramatic readings of the passion according to St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke beginning at 7:00pm. Read dramatically, these services gives those gathered the opportunity to participate, further highlighting the fact it was because of our sins that

Jesus went to the cross. Consider joining us for these services to hear the passion of Christ in this most holy week of the church year.

**Private Confession and Absolution:** Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time throughout Lent or after you desire private confession and absolution, please give me a call and we can set-up a time to meet privately. In Christ - Pastor Jennings.

**High Schoolers:** I'm challenging you to learn the small catechism by heart. If you are able to recite this for me, you will receive a nice Lutheran Study Bible. Pastor Jennings

**Agape Youth:** Agape Youth will be having a **casserole sale** after church on **March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**ATTENTION Silver Heirs:** It has been decided to **cancel Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting**. Since we are mainly a social group, over 65, meeting just to play games and refreshments, not the greatest weather, that we would abide our country's leaders and stay home and pray.

**Sausage:** The Men's Club will be ordering pork sausage for the Agape Youth's Easter breakfast. If anyone wishes to order some sausage, please contact Vernon Freund **today, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Church Council:** Our next church council meeting will be April 14, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**Directories:** The directories are here! I will be available after the service for those that would like to get theirs. For those that ordered any additional directories, they are \$5.85 each. You may make your check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church and put in the memo that it is for the directory so Tim and Chris will know what it's for. Thanks, Jackie

**Newsletter Articles:** If any organization (Men's Club, Ladies Aid, Agape Youth, Silver Heirs, Elders, Chairman, Trustees, School Board, Preschool, Sunday School) has anything for the newsletter, will you please get them to me by **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** so we can get your news included. Thank You.

**Huey/Ferrin/Boulder Fire Department Dinner:** The fire department has decided to postpone their dinner until a later date.

**CORLHS Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction:** You are invited to the 16th annual "Sterling Evening" Dinner & Auction, which be held at CORLHS, *on A NEW DATE, Saturday, May 2*, with the doors opening and silent auction beginning at 4:30 p.m. A dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. A live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. and finish around 9:00. Sponsorships are also available to underwrite the purchase of special items and event features. *Items and sponsorships are now due April 17th. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the school office or on the website prior to April 17th. All seats are reserved and must be purchased by the deadline.* View the auction items on our Facebook page or our website and at Preview Night, **Friday, May 1 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

## **The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer for Week of Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi)*

March 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the selection from the catechism and memory verse for the week.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Ten Commandments**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

### **The Catechism – The Lord's Prayer, Seventh Petition**

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

### **Memory Verse**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25–26)

### **Daily Reading**

Sunday, March 22:	Genesis 41:28–57	Mark 11:20–33	Psalm 34
Monday, March 23:	Genesis 42:1–24, 38	Mark 12:1–12	Psalm 27
Tuesday, March 24:	Genesis 43:1–28	Mark 12:13–27	Psalm 126
Wednesday, March 25:	Genesis 44:1–18, 32–34	Mark 12:28–44	Psalm 107
Thursday, March 26:	Genesis 45:1–20, 24–28	Mark 13:1–23	Psalm 31
Friday, March 27:	Genesis 47:1–31	Mark 13:24–37	Psalm 42
Saturday, March 28:	Genesis 49:29–50:7, 14–26	Mark 13:1–11	Psalm 121

O, Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve Your servants who stand in need of our prayers:

**Our church:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church and Preschool. **Circuit 7 Vacancies:** Trinity Lutheran Church-Centralia. **Those Who Mourn:** The Rommelmann family at the death of Norma (3/15). **Those Who Rejoice:** The Kate (Siddell) & Todd Franzen family at the birth of Miles Bradford (3/16). **Those in Need of Healing:** Randy Zimmermann, Jonathan Siddell, Joe Meyer (nephew of Sheri Nolte), Ryan Rounkles (Brother-in-Law of Marla Corry), Rodney Tate, Baker Firebaugh (great nephew of Opal Jones). **Homebound Members:** Mary Boeker, Melvin & Earlene Lange, Ruth Onken, Paul Schierschwitz, Marlene Schierschwitz, Connie Schilling. **Baptismal Birthdays:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Linda Reckling, 27<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Mines, Elaine Ballance, 28<sup>th</sup> Peggy Zimmermann. **Local:** Schools and Churches.

Look upon them with eyes of Your mercy; grant them comfort and sure confidence in You; defend them from all danger, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Morning or Evening Prayer (From the Small Catechism)**

**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

**LSB 556 (Stz. 1-5)**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

**Introit**

*(Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:10a, 11a)*

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;

**C: that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.**

P: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

**C: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!

**C: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis is omitted**

**Collect:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-21**

<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" <sup>17</sup> The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. <sup>18</sup> And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. <sup>19</sup> Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." <sup>20</sup> However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away.

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

## Gradual

### **Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31**

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. <sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise. <sup>24</sup> These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. <sup>27</sup> For it is written: "Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." <sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. <sup>30</sup> But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." <sup>31</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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

**Alleluia is omitted**

## Tract

### **Holy Gospel:\* John 6:1-15**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" <sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed\*** LSB 191

**Hymn: Jesus, Priceless Treasure** LSB 743

**Sermon**  
**Offertory\*** LSB 192

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Service of the Sacrament\*** LSB 194

**Distribution Hymns: 625, 437, 425, 433**

**Nunc Dimittis\*** LSB 199

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** LSB 556 (Stz. 6-10)