

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three without Holy Communion (LSB 184)

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

Opening Hymn: Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (stzs, 1-4) **LSB 766**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* *(Ps. 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b)*

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

Alleluia. The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name.

I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessèd be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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.

[With a voice singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth.

Alleluia. The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect of the Day*: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We

have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

Gradual: Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alleluia.

Epistle: James 1:22-27

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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

Sequence Hymn: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

P: Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.

C: LSB 459 Stz 1

P: “Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring.” “The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection; Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you.”

C: LSB 459 Stz 2

P: Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

C: LSB 459 Stz 3

Holy Gospel*: John 16:23-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” 29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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

Apostles' Creed*

LSB 192

Hymn: Our Father, Who from Heaven Above (stzs. 5-9)

LSB 766

Sermon

Offertory*

Blessing of the Soil and the Seed

P: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

C: the world and those who dwell therein.

P: O LORD, how manifold are your works!

C: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

P: While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,

C: summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

P: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

C: for his wondrous works to the children of man!

P: Unless You bless,

C: We labor in vain, merciful Lord.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: The LORD is good to all,

C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.

P: The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers.

C: May he not leave us or forsake us.

P: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

P: May God's blessing rest upon soil and seed throughout our land to feed and clothe.

C: Amen.

P: (Additional Petitions, Congregational Response **Amen.**)

Prayer of the Church*

Lord's Prayer*

LSB 196

Concluding Collect*

Benediction*

LSB 202