

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Opening Hymn: Father Most Holy

LSB 504

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

(Ps. 27:3-4a, 5; antiphon: Ps. 27:1-2)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble,

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

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.

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Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Gradual: Atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name deliver us.

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 6:36-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. 37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give,

and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn: O God, My Faithful God	LSB 696
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Lord's Prayer*	LSB 196
Distribution Hymns: 581, 766, 851, 966	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Concluding Collect*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land	LSB 965

Announcements

Church Update: In our effort to return to normalcy, below is a list of what you can expect to see throughout the month of July:

- The last 7:30am Divine Service will be held on July 19th.
- Sunday Bible Study will resume on July 26th at 8:30am. They will be held in the church. As Sunday School classes are still on hold, all are welcome to attend.
- Members of the Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes are encouraged to consult their schedule, and if able, to assist at the services they are assigned to.
- In order to maintain social distancing, we will begin roping off every other pew. Hymnals and offering plates will remain in the narthex.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with Pastor Jennings. Again, we ask for your patience and prayers as we move forward together as the body of Christ.

Sermons Online: While we no longer are live-streaming services, we will be posting sermons on the church's website. This is in addition to the church bulletins and Congregation at Prayer.

Bible Studies Online: Pastor will be posting lectures on the church's Facebook page. Please be on the lookout for those.

LCMS Foundation: Does life matter? Am I making a difference? Recent events have caused most of us to reconnect with our understanding of how "short" our present lives are. Yet instead of saying, "I only have one life to live, I better do the best I can," as followers of Jesus we respond, "I have been called into an amazing inheritance in God's Kingdom in Jesus. I want to impact as many people possible with that gift." Crafting a statement that puts your faith into words can be an important tool for family conversations today, or a final statement you place in your will. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is ready to assist you in writing this statement. Contact Scott

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