

# 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 \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now** **LSB 902**  
**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\*** *(Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5)*

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**He will return the evil to my enemies;**  
**in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

**O God, hear my prayer;**  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,**  
**and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

**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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the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
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in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please  
You; 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 Reading: 2 Samuel 22:26-34**

26 “With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; 27 with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. 28 You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. 29 For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. 30 For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. 31 This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. 32 “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? 33 This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. 34 He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

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

**Gradual:** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13**

6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, 10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. 12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

## **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 16:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

1 He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 10 “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 191</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: One Thing's Needful</b>	<b>LSB 536</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 194</b>
<b>Lord's Prayer*</b>	<b>LSB 196</b>

**Distribution Hymns: 617, 647, 726, 549**

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 199**

**Concluding Collect\***

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: What Is the World to Me**

**LSB 730**

**Preschool Graduation**

### **Announcements**

**Sunday Bible Study Has Returned:** Join us Sunday mornings at 8:30am as we continue to make our way through the Book of Acts. All welcomed and encouraged to attend.

**Coronavirus Concerns:** We recognize the coronavirus is still an issue in our country and many members rightly have concerns. However, we do not want anyone to stay away from receiving the life-giving gifts of Christ in His church. Please contact Pastor Jennings to discuss a way that you may to receive these gifts.

**Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes:** We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

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

**Find Bethlehem on Podbean:** While Bethlehem Lutheran is no longer streaming our services, you can still listen to our sermons and other studies. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran Church and begin listening.

**Ladies Aid:** The Ladies Aid will begin having their meetings again. The August meeting will be Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**Thank You:** Thanks to Rob Gerstenecker for volunteering to serve as our congregational lay delegate to the Southern Illinois District Convention to be held February 11-13, 2021.

We are still needing an alternate lay delegate. If you are interested, please speak to either Pastor Jennings or Mike Eggerman by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Preschool Start Dates:** Mark your calendars. Preschool Open House will be Thursday, August 27, 2020. Preschool will be starting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

**Mark Your Calendars:** Sunday School, Confirmation, and Wednesday Night Religion classes will begin the week of August 23, 2020. There will be a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:00pm for the parents of our Wednesday Night Religion and Confirmation students.

**Agape Youth:** Although the Agape Youth Group Ice Cream Social was cancelled this year, we would like to express a huge thank you to the congregation for the continued support that our group has always received. We will be starting our meetings, activities, and Bible studies again later this month and look forward to spending time together in fellowship and in God's Word. We will be discussing options for service and fundraising in the coming year, and it is likely that many of our normal things we do will have to be different or won't be possible (like the ice cream social). We ask that you keep our group in your prayers as we move forward.

**20/20 Vision: All Eyes On Jesus** the theme for the convention was taken into consideration as we, the LWML SID Board, decided to have our district convention virtually this year. It can be viewed at [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org) on Oct. 1, 2020. All the speakers and announcements of the voting results will be there as well. Be sure to check it out!

**LCMS Foundation:** Many articles have detailed how the dip in the market up to the end of March lured many people into taking assets out of the market. Values of your assets may be different. Beneficiary designations as part of your estate plan may no longer line up with where your assets are located. Now is a great time to be reviewing your plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.