# **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**



## Tenth Sunday after Trinity August 16, 2020

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### The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three w/out Holy Communion (LSB 184) (Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)

Opening Hymn: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You		LSB 668
Confession and Absolution*		LSB 184
Introit*	(Ps. 55:1, 4-5, 16; antiphon: Ps. 55	:16a, 17b, 18a, 22a)
I call to God, and he hears my voice;		
he redeems my soul in safety.		
Cast your burden on the LORD,		
and he will sustain you.		
Give ear to my prayer, O God,		
and hide not yourself from my plea	for mercy!	
My heart is in anguish within me;		
the terrors of death have fallen up	oon me.	
Fear and trembling come upon me,		
and horror overwhelms me.		
But I call to God,		
And the LORD will save me.		
Glory be to the Father and to the Som	1	
and to the Holy Spirit;		
as it was in the beginning,		
is now and will be forever. Amen.		
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he redeems my soul in safety.		
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Kyrie*	LSB 186
Gloria in Excelsis*	LSB 187

**Collect\*:** O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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: Jeremiah 8:4-12**

4 "You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD: When men fall, do they not rise again? If one turns away, does he not return? 5 Why then has this people turned away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return. 6I have paid attention and listened, but they have not spoken rightly; no man relents of his evil, saying, 'What have I done?' Everyone turns to his own course, like a horse plunging headlong into battle. 7 Even the stork in the heavens knows her times, and the turtledove, swallow, and crane keep the time of their coming, but my people know not the rules of the LORD. 8 "How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie. 9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them? 10 Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. 11 They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace. 12 Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD.

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

**Gradual:** Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right!

#### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the

manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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

#### Alleluia\*

#### LSB 190

#### Holy Gospel\*: Luke 19:41-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** 41 And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, 42 saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation." 45 And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." 47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, 48 but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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

Apostles' Creed	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near	LSB 508
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	

Lord's Prayer*	LSB 196
Concluding Collect*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Lord Jesus, Think on Me	LSB 610

#### 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 of our 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 we are 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.

**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:** On August 23, 2020 6:00pm Agape Youth will be meeting. We will have an ice cream party/brainstorm the year/ Bible study.

**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.

**Attention All Ladies of Congregation:** The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a social evening at Twelve Oaks Winery on Friday, September 11th at 5:00pm. Bring a snack or sweet treat to share. Ladies Aid will be furnishing pizza. Please let Sharon Schneider know by September 4th if you will be able to attend (226-3353). Hope to see you September 11th!!

**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 <u>www.sidlwml.org</u> 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: Almost every area of our lives has been disrupted during this calendar year (and we are less than 2/3 of the way through). One thing is always constant and that is our life earned by Jesus's life, death and resurrection. Responding to your uncertainty about everything else in this world, maybe now is the best time ever to be putting your first estate plan together with a will or trust, planning gifts to family you love and ministries you care about. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get ready to talk with your attorney. Contact Scott Radden, your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.