

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: Baptismal Waters Cover Me

LSB 616

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

(Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in his holy habitation;

[he] settles the solitary in a home.

The God of Israel—he is the one

who gives power and strength to his people.

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate him shall flee before him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

O God, when you went out before your people,

in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

God is our salvation.

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*: Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us

those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

Gradual: In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

hanging on his words.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee

LSB 607

Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Installation of Teachers (9:30am Service only)	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 194
Lord's Prayer*	LSB 196
Distribution Hymns: 628, 556, 571	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Concluding Collect*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion	LSB 559

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.

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.

Preschool Start Dates: Mark your calendars. Preschool Open House is Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00pm. Preschool will be starting on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Mark Your Calendars: Sunday School, Confirmation, and Wednesday Night Religion classes will begin this week.

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.

Food Pantry: The Ladies Aid/LWML have been collecting items for the Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Carlyle for some time. The items are delivered to the food pantry toward the end of the month, thanks to Jerry and Kathryn Mines. We thank you all for your continued support of this mission project. In addition to canned and dry boxed food items, the pantry will also accept the following items: diapers of any size, wet wipes, spices, deodorant, small bottles of laundry detergent, toothpaste, tissues, toilet tissue, canned meats (tuna, salmon, sardines, spam, mackerel, chicken), baking powder, baking soda, sugar, flour and cooking oil.

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!!

CORLHS: Each month a congregation may help support CORLHS with prayers, snacks, fruit, etc. for the teachers. Our congregation's month is September. If anyone would like to provide something they may drop it off at CORLHS any time during the month. There are 16 faculty members.

Help Needed: The Ladies Aid/LWML tradition of apple butter making will continue, but only with the help of our congregation members by our side. Friday, September 18th at 9:30am we will peel and core the apples until done. Bring your lawn chair and we will visit while we work. A light lunch will be provided. Saturday, September 19th at 7:00am we will start washing apples, washing kettles and starting fires to begin the cooking as soon as can. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We are thankful for anyone that can come help peel, core, wash, stir and can the delicious apple butter! We also ask for your prayers for favorable weather, lots of helpers, good health and safety. A sign up sheet will

be on the table in the secretary's office for anyone willing to help in any way. We look forward to 2 days of good fellowship with everyone on that fall weekend.

Apple Butter Orders: All apple butter orders can be given to Sharon Schneider (322-8886) or Opal Jones (334-3024). Please get your orders in as soon as possible to ensure your orders are filled.