

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*  
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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 \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised**

**LSB 794**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

**Introit\***

*(Ps. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a)*

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

**Let them be put to shame and confusion**

**who seek my life!**

Let them be turned back

and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**May all who seek you rejoice**

**and be glad in you!**

You are my help and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not delay!

**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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O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion

who seek my life!

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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: Isaiah 29:17-24**

17 Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? 18 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. 19 The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. 20 For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, 21 who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. 22 Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: “Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. 23 For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. 24 And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

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

**Gradual:** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11**

4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? 9 For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. 10 Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

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

**Holy Gospel\*: Mark 7:31-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

<b>Apostles’ Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker</b>	<b>LSB 820</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Lord’s Prayer*</b>	<b>LSB 196</b>
<b>Concluding Collect*</b>	
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Praise the Almighty</b>	<b>LSB 797</b>

**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 will be starting on **Wednesday, September 9, 2020.**

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

**Church Grounds Cleanup:** Join us **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am** as we cleanup the church grounds. All help is greatly appreciated!

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Chicken Dinner:** Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle is having a chicken dinner today, **August 30th from 11:00am-2:00pm.** Carryout & curbside service only.

**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.

**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.