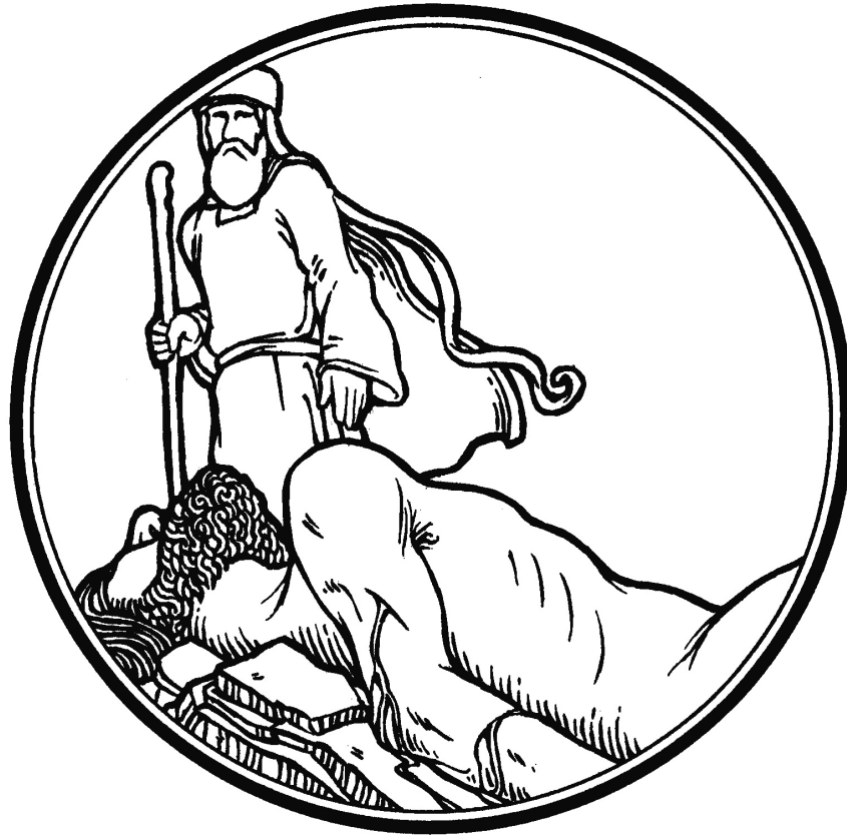


Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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: The Law of God Is Good and Wise **LSB 579**
Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* *(Ps. 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: Ps. 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)*

Have regard for the covenant, [O Lord];

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old.

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

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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let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have

commanded; 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 Chronicles 28:8-15

8 The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. 10 And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? 11 Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.” 12 Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war 13 and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

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

Gradual: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle: Galatians 3:15-22

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but

referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. 19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. 21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 10:23-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

23 Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” 25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took

out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

Apostles’ Creed* **LSB 192**

Hymn of the Day: The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace **LSB 580**

Sermon

Offertory* **LSB 192**

Prayer of the Church*

Lord’s Prayer* **LSB 196**

Concluding Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus **LSB 919**

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.

Men's Club: The Men's Club will be having their picnic tomorrow evening, September 7th at 6:00pm. The serving committee of Tim Hanke and Steve Haun will be furnishing the meat. Everyone is to bring a side dish and your own drinks.

Preschool Start Dates: Mark your calendars. Preschool will be starting on **Wednesday, September 9, 2020.**

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

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.

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.

Preschool Rummage Sale: The preschool will be having a rummage sale at the fairgrounds on September 18th and 19th during the Carlyle citywide sale. Anyone wanting to donate items can drop them off at the preschool during regular school hours or to set up a drop off time contact Ms. Dena. Anyone wanting to help with the sale can contact Ms. Dena or one of the school board members.

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.

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.