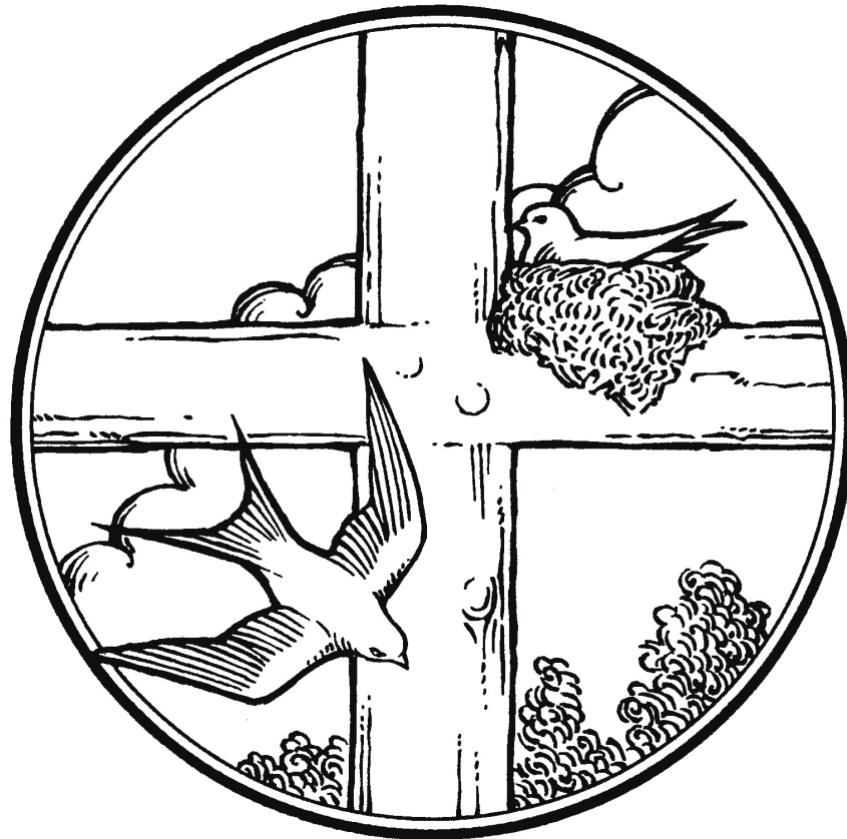


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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## The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three w/out Communion (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing** **LSB 732**  
**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\*** *(Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3)*

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

save your servant, who trust in you—you are my God.

**Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
Listen to my plea for grace.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;  
turn to me and be gracious to me;

**give your strength to your servant,  
and save the son of your maidservant.**

**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.**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

save your servant, who trust in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all the day.

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

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

**Collect\*:** O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

**Gradual:** It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

### **Epistle: Galatians 5:25-6:10**

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. **6** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load. <sup>6</sup>Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal

life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 6:24-34**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> “No one 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. <sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. <sup>34</sup> “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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

**Apostles’ Creed\***

**LSB 192**

**Hymn of the Day: What God Ordains Is Always Good**

**LSB 760**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**LSB 192**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Lord’s Prayer**

**LSB 196**

**Concluding Collect\***

## **Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: I Leave All Things to God's Direction**

**LSB 719**

### **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.

**Thank You:** The Trustees (Brent Hanke, Jeff Pigg & Paul Langenhorst) would like to thank Eric, Kathy & Blake Hanke, Lois Pigg, Carl Hanke, Vernon Freund, Curt Rueter, Monica & Bryanna French, Hayden Hoffmann, Landon & Keaton Langenhorst for all their help in cleaning the church grounds. Their help was very much appreciated!

**Apple Butter:** Thank you for all your help making apple butter again this year! Thank you if you helped peel, core, wash, stir or can the delicious apple butter. Thank you if you brought food to share, your kettles to cook in, wood for the fires or a tent for shelter. We enjoyed good fellowship as everyone worked together. What an awesome group of volunteers!

**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.

**Wurstmarkt Update:** The Men's Club at our last meeting voted to have the Wurstmarkt this year. Due to the pandemic it will be different this year. We are going to be doing a drive thru only. Desserts will not be offered with the meal. Sausage will still be available for purchase. We will still be needing volunteers to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a men's club member.