

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: The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done **LSB 464**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon; Ps. 86:3, 5)

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

**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.**

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**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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for to you do I cry all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

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

Gradual: Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory.

Epistle: Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at

work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 7:11-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: The Will of God is Always Best

LSB 758

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Lord’s Prayer*

LSB 196

Distribution Hymns: 741, 755, 548, 818, 637

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Concluding Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: For Me to Live Is Jesus

LSB 742

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.

Out of Town: I will be out of town Tuesday, September 29th for a Pastors' Conference. However, in case of an emergency, you can still reach me on my cell. Pastor Jennings

Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program: As the Small Catechism contains the central articles of the Christian faith, it is to be learned-by-heart so that we may rightly confess the faith throughout our lives. To encourage our youth to learn the Small Catechism by heart, Bethlehem has developed an eight-level program. This program breaks the Small Catechism into manageable sections. As an incentive, each level has an award upon completion. Program details can be found in the Narthex. PLEASE NOTE: Students are required to have the Small Catechism memorized prior to confirmation.

Thank You: Thanks to everyone for the donations for the Preschool yard sale. We will be doing it again in April, so start getting your treasures ready. The School Board

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.

Clinton County Citizens for Life: National Life Chain is Sunday October 4, 2020 from 2:00pm-3:00pm. Life chain is a peaceful and prayerful witness of pro-lifers standing for 1 hour in honor of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a silent prayer vigil and not a time to visit with each other. Meet at Carlyle Jr. High parking lot at 1:30pm to choose your sign and then get into position along new Rt. 50 by 2:00pm rain or shine! Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. For info on this, contact Marilyn Athmer at (618) 210-0739.