

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Seventeenth 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 *)*

Opening Hymn: We All Believe in One True God **LSB 953**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* *(Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)*

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

**Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.**

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**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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and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: Proverbs 25:6-14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. ¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

Gradual: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 14:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Apostles' Creed	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: Seek Where You May to Find a Way	LSB 557
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord's Prayer*	LSB 196
Concluding Collect*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded	LSB 587
LWML Pledge and Song (9:30am Divine Service Only)	

Announcements

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Have Returned: Join us at 8:30am for Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. All are 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.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are in praise and thanks for the 90 years given to our mother and grandmother, Lucille Stein. We celebrated her 90th birthday with her yesterday, October 3rd. Steve & Doris Stein & family, Scott & Gina Stein & family.

Congratulations Eli: Congratulations to Eli Kuper for completing level 2 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level two includes the four primary texts for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations Eli and keep up the good work!

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.

Agape Youth: Agape Youth will be having activities and a Bible Study on **October 11, 2020 at 6:00pm.**

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.