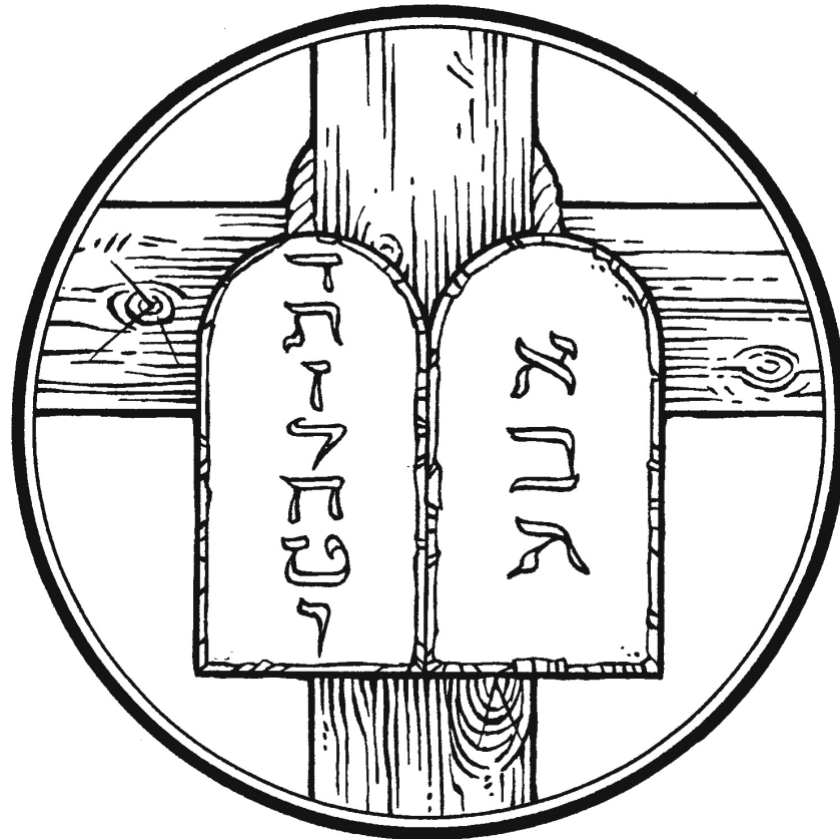


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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*October 11, 2020*

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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 \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word** **LSB 904**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\*** *(Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
and let your prophets be proven faithful.

**Hear the prayer of your servants,  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.**

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May they be secure who love you!**

For my brothers and companions’ sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.**

**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.**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
and let your prophets be proven faithful.

Hear the prayer of your servants,  
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.

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

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

**Collect\*:** O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant  
that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Deuteronomy 10:12-21**

<sup>12</sup>“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? <sup>14</sup>Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. <sup>15</sup>Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. <sup>16</sup>Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. <sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. <sup>18</sup>He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. <sup>20</sup>You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. <sup>21</sup>He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

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

**Gradual:** I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!” Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you

to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 22:34-46**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 191**

**Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart**

**LSB 708**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**LSB 192**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 194**

**Lord’s Prayer\***

**LSB 196**

**Distribution Hymns: 622, 581, 398, 875**

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 199**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower**

**LSB 694**

## 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.

**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 have their activities and a Bible Study this evening, **October 11, 2020 at 6:00pm.** We will also have a Bible Study October 18, 2020 at 8:30am.

**Voter's Meeting:** There will be a Voter's Meeting next Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**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.