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: O Bless the Lord, My Soul

LSB 814

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

(Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a)

Say to my soul, "I am your salvation!"

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of all his troubles;

this is God, our God forever and ever.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,

things that we have heard and known,

that our fathers have told us.

We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

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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Kyrie* LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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: Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

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

Gradual: O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Epistle: Ephesians 4:22-28

²² ... put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

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

Alleluia* LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 9:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³ And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

Apostles' Creed LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him LSB 797

Sermon

Offertory* LSB 192

Prayer of the Church*

Lord's Prayer*

LSB 196

Concluding Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

Announcements

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study: 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.

Congratulations Ethan Brinkmann: Congratulations to Ethan Brinkmann for completing level 5 of the Learn-by-Heart program. Level 5 includes the Apostles' Creed and its meanings. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Voter's Meeting: There will be a Voter's Meeting this evening, 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.

Wurstmarkt Sausage Order Forms: There are sausage order forms on the table in the narthex for anyone who would like to order some sausage. Please return them to Earl Schneider.

Fazolis are coming to Hoffman: Trinity Hoffman PTL is hosting a Fazoli Take-out Dinner on Thursday, Oct 22nd. Spaghetti or Fettuccini dinner includes dinner salad, breadsticks and dessert for \$10.00 per meal. Carry-outs Only 4:00pm–7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from Trinity students or at the door. Thanks for supporting Trinity School.

LWML Zone Fall Event: The LWML Fall Zone Event will be November 14, 2020. The ladies of St. John's New Minden will be hosts for our event; however the location will be Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoyleton gym where we will have plenty of space to social distance. **We ask everyone to wear masks.** You may remove them at your table but ask that you do wear them as we move around. There will be no registration table...you can go directly to your seat when you arrive. Coffee will be served and we will have bottled water available. There will be a short business meeting and collections for mites and zone expenses.