

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

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

Opening Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 151

Introit*

(Ps. 130:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 130:3-4)

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

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.

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

Kyrie*

LSB 152

This is the Feast*

LSB 155

Collect*: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask

in faith we may obtain; 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: Micah 6:6-8

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Gradual: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! For the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

Nicene Creed* LSB 158

Hymn of the Day: Chief of Sinners Though I Be LSB 611

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

We Give Thee But Thine Own* (Stz. 1 & 2) LSB 781

Service of the Sacrament* LSB 160

Distribution Hymns: 634, 845, 615

Post-Communion Canticle*: Thank the Lord

LSB 164

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684

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.

Thank You: The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who helped support the Wurstmarkt. Thanks to those who came out to purchase meals and a special thanks to all those who helped in any way. We could not do it without everyone's support. We ended up serving 1500 meals.

Ladies Aid/LWML: The Ladies Aid/LWML will have their meeting **Monday, November 9th at 7:00pm** with election of officers. We will also be revealing our secret pals. The servers for the evening are Linda Reckling & Marilyn Schneider.

Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Open House: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School will have an Open House for prospective students on **Thursday, November 12, 6:30pm-8:00pm**. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend. Masks and social distancing will be implemented. Interested families not able to attend, please contact the school office at 226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

LWML Zone Fall Event: The LWML Fall Zone Event will be **November 14, 2020 from 8:30am–Noon**. 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.