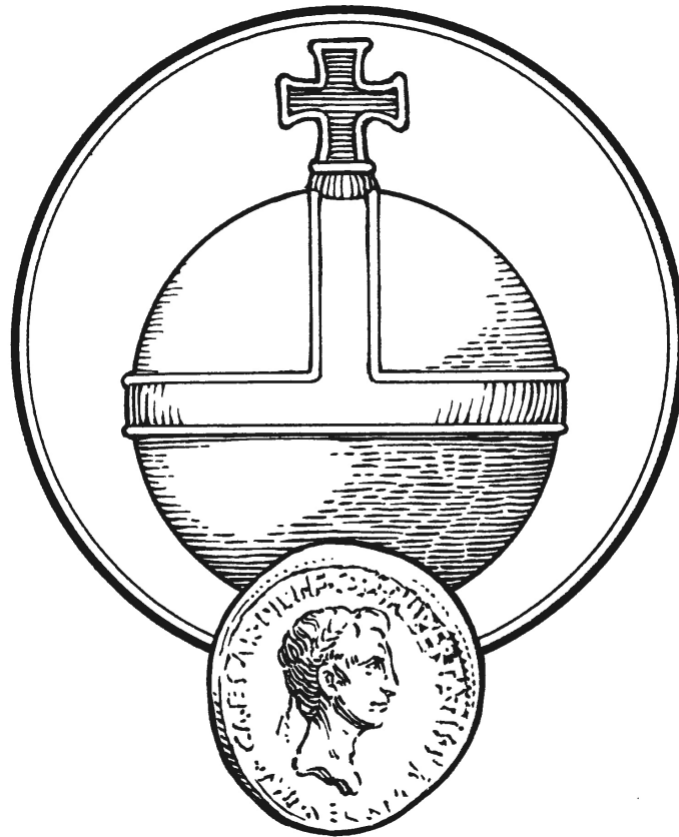


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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## The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One w/out Holy Communion (LSB 151)

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

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**Opening Hymn: Lord of Our Life** **LSB 659**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit\*** *(Ps 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12)*

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,  
plans for wholeness and not for evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,  
and I will hear you.**

LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us your salvation.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**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.**

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,  
plans for wholeness and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,  
and I will hear you.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 154**

**Collect\*:** O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be

delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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 8:11-22**

<sup>11</sup> for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. <sup>12</sup> “I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. <sup>13</sup> The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. <sup>14</sup> I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. <sup>15</sup> By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; <sup>16</sup> by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. <sup>17</sup> I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. <sup>18</sup> Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. <sup>19</sup> My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. <sup>20</sup> I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, <sup>21</sup> granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. <sup>22</sup> “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

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

**Gradual:** You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

**Epistle: Philippians 3:17-21**

<sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 156**

## **Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 22:15-22**

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

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup> They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

**Apostles’ Creed\*** **LSB 159**

**Hymn of the Day: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode** **LSB 714**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

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

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior** **LSB 842**

### **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.

**Poinsettia Order Forms:** Please give your poinsettia order form to Sylvia Kleiboeker by November 29<sup>th</sup> so she can get them ordered. They are \$10.00 each.