

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Last Sunday of the Church Year*  
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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 \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**

**LSB 663**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 151**

**Introit\***

*(Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Is. 35:10)*

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**They shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing  
before you.**

**Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

**Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

**Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**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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everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

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and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 152**

**This is the Feast\***

**LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His  
bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter

into His eternal wedding feast; 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: Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

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

**Gradual:** In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those

who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 156**

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 25:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 158**

**Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

**LSB 516**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

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

**LSB 781**

**Service of the Sacrament\*** **LSB 160**

**Distribution Hymns: 508, 513, 514, 639, 901**

**Post-Communion Canticle\*: Thank the Lord** **LSB 164**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star** **LSB 872**

### **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.

**No Wednesday Night Religion This Week:** Just a reminder, there is no Wednesday Night Religion class this week due to Thanksgiving break.

**Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service:** Join us this Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service.

**The Season of Advent:** On Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> the church begins the Season of Advent. Please check your mailbox in the narthex for a list of services during this blessed season.

**Midweek Advent Services:** Join us Wednesday nights throughout the Season of Advent for our series, “For Unto Us a Son is Given.” Our midweek sermons will focus on three important sons of promise – Isaac, Samuel, and John. The Order of Vespers begins at 7:00pm on December 2<sup>n</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Poinsettia Order Forms:** There are poinsettia order forms on the table in the usher’s room. Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Please give your order form and money/check to Sylvia Kleiboeker by November 29, 2020. Checks can be made payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid.

**Men’s Club:** The Men’s Club Christmas party will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the school basement with a catered meal provided. Please let Earl Schneider or Jeff Pigg know by November 29<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.

**Thank You:** The Men’s Club sausage dinner went well. We served 1501 dinners with a net profit of \$13,183.74. Some people commented that they could not believe how fast we served them in the drive-thru. Thanks again to everyone who helped. Thrivent paid all of the advertising cost of \$184.33 and \$565.67 toward groceries. Thank you Thrivent. There are some reports on the table in the narthex, if anyone is interested.

**Collecting for Matthew 25 Food Pantry:** We are collecting canned and boxed food items as well as personal care items for the pantry. Please help us fill the tote in the usher’s room to help those in need.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Plans are being made for the remaining Live 2020 Auction items at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. A Buy-It-Now Auction (set prices, first come first serve basis) is being planned for Saturday, December 5th and Monday, December 7th. Watch for more information coming. Updates will also be available at [corstallions.org](http://corstallions.org) and on the CORLHS Facebook page.