

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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 *)*

Opening Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

(Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)

The cords of Sheol entangled me;

The snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.

From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength

and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

and sing to your name.

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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The snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.

From his temple he heard my voice.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Collect*: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

Gradual: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. **10** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was

Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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

Tract: 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! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Prayer of the Church*

The Lord's Prayer*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Through Jesus Blood and Merit

LSB 746

Announcements

Church Services: We have decided to go back to the one service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is concerned with this, please feel free to call Pastor Jennings or stop by the church throughout the week to set up a time to receive God's gifts.

Septuagesima: Septuagesima comes from the Latin word for "seventieth." Septuagesima Sunday is approximately 70 days from Easter and is the first day of the Pre-Lenten Season, which ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Alayna French and Katie Zimmerman on completing levels 3 and 4 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level 3 includes the primary text for confession and the Lord's Supper. Level 4 includes the Ten Commandments and their meaning. Congratulations to you both and keep up the good work!

Chaddy Daddy's Preschool fundraiser: The board of education and preschool staff are currently taking orders for pulled pork, pulled chicken, baby back ribs, 1/2 pork loin or chicken wings from Chaddy Daddy's in Carlyle. On February 6th, you can pick up your order in Carlyle or we can deliver to you. Please contact a board member (Monica French, Linda Reckling, and Jeff Kleiboeker) or staff member (Dena Brammeier and Brandi Gehrs) for details. **Last day to order is today, January 31st.** Thanks for your support, The Board of Education

Messiah Lutheran Church Annual Pork Chop Dinner: Mark the date for Messiah Lutheran Church's Annual Pork Chop Dinner **January 31 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.** It will be carry out and curbside only. Smoked Pork Chop, Green Beans, Twice Baked Potato, Applesauce, and Homemade Dessert for \$12. 13th & Kane, Carlyle, IL at our Fellowship Hall.

Men's Club: The Men's Club will meet **February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm**. The servers for the evening are Sam Siddell and Darrell Brink.

CORLHS Foundation Annual Meeting: You are invited to the Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Foundation Annual Meeting on **Thursday, February 4 at 7:00pm** at CORLHS. The Foundation raises community, financial and prayer support for Christ Our Rock. At this meeting, the Foundation officers will report on the activities from the past year and the financial position of the foundation.

Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School Pork Chop Dinner, COVID STYLE: So, get your Sweetheart and drive on over to Hoffman School **February 14th between 10:45am-1:30 pm** to pick up a to-go box filled with a yummy Smoked Pork Chop, steaming Baked Potato & Green Beans, a cup of love-filled Cinnamon Applesauce, and a piece of delicious cake all for only \$12.00! Every meal will be the same. The food will be delivered right to your car, so put on some tunes to enjoy with your sweetie as we serve you. All checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran School. All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in areas of technology, P.E., classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity PTL

Private Confession and Absolution: Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes: We encourage you to consult your schedule, and if able, assist at your assigned service.

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