

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Quinquagesima Sunday
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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: Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit

(Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

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.

Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Collect*: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3-7

³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

Gradual: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

Tract: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Holy Gospel*: Luke 18:31-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹ And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. ³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” ⁴² And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	LSB 685
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 617, 732, 618, 619, 568	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake	LSB 688

Announcements

Lent Begins This Wednesday: On Wednesday, February 17th we will gather at 7pm for our Ash Wednesday Divine Service. On this day, the church begins the Season of Lent. Our attention during this season of prayerful and penitential reflection is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray that the Triune God would richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts.

Quinquagesima: Quinquagesima comes from the Latin word for “fiftieth.” Quinquagesima Sunday is approximately 50 days from Easter and is the last Sunday of the Pre-Lenten Season or Shrovetide, which ends the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

Church Services: While it is our desire to gather as one body, the church has decided to offer again a second service on Sundays at 7:30am. This second service will continue until Easter. As the coronavirus vaccine is becoming more available, this will allow members more time to get the vaccine. If you or someone you know have any concerns, please feel free to contact Pastor Jennings or stop by the church throughout the week to schedule a time to receive God’s gifts.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Madisyn Nolte on completing level 3 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level 3 includes the primary text of confession and the Lord's Supper. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School Pork Chop Dinner, COVID STYLE: So, get your Sweetheart and drive on over to Hoffman School **today, February 14th between 10:45am-1:30pm** 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

Lutheran Hour Ministries: Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is looking for a person/s to help spread the news of LHM to their local Church. The requirements are to have a computer to receive emails from LHM and willing to share the information from LHM to their Church members through bulletin articles, newsletters, or just personal conversations. So, if you are interested in helping LHM contact Jim Roeckeman at: 610-5855 or email to: jroeckeman@yahoo.com.

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.

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