

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit)*

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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 \*)*

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

**LSB 663**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

**Introit**

(Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16)

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him**

**and show him my salvation.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,**

**no plague come near your tent.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him**

**and show him my salvation.**

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis is omitted**

**Collect\*:** O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 3:1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he

shall rule over you.”<sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”<sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.<sup>21</sup> And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

## **Gradual**

### **Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

**Alleluia is omitted**

## **Tract**

### **Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 4:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put

the Lord your God to the test.”<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.<sup>9</sup> And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.””<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

<b>Apostles’ Creed</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</b>	<b>LSB 656</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>The Lord’s Prayer*</b>	<b>LSB 196</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Seek Where You May to Find a Way</b>	<b>LSB 557</b>

### **Announcements**

**Midweek Lenten Vespers:** This Wednesday, February 24th at 7pm is the first of five midweek Lenten Vespers services (Feb. 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th). The focus during these midweek services will be on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Throughout these five weeks, we will look at Holy Scripture in order to answer the questions, what is baptism? What benefits does it give? How can water do that? What does this really mean for my life?

**Invocavit:** The first Sunday in Lent is also known as Invocavit, which, in Latin, means “he shall call” (The ESV translates “when he calls”). This is the opening phrase of the Introit: “He shall call upon me and I will answer him” (Psalm 91:15a KJV).

**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 Alayna French on completing Level 5 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level 5 includes the Apostles' Creed with its meaning. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

**Thank You:** We would like to thank everyone who supported the preschool in the recent Chaddy Daddy's fundraiser. We raised \$480 for the preschool. Thanks for your continued support, School Board and Preschool Staff

**Thank You:** The annual PTL pork chop dinner was a success! We sold over 800 meals! What a blessing. The auction is online this year running through Sunday, February 21st. Access it at: <https://www.lehdeonlineauctions.com>. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped prepare for the dinner and the auction! We appreciate everyone's support.

**Chicken Supper:** St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden will be having a Chicken Supper on Sunday, March 7, 2021 from 4:00pm–7:00pm. The cost of the meal is \$10. This will be drive through only.

**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](mailto: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.