

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*(Jubilate)*  
*April 25, 2021*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

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

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain** **LSB 487**

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

**Introit** (Ps. 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1-2)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”**

Come and see what God has done;

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**Bless our God, O peoples;**

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

Who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

**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.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

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

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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 40:25-31**

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

**Gradual:** Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

**Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. <sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what

credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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

**Hymn\*: Christ Is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 16:16-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 158**

**Hymn of the Day: In Thee Is Gladness**

**LSB 818**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Offertory\***

**LSB 781** (Stz. 1 & 2)

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 160**

**Distribution Hymns: 482, 469, 633, 490**

**Thank the Lord\***

**LSB 164**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**LSB 733**

## Announcements

**Voter's Meeting:** Our next Voter's Meeting is this evening, **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**What does this mean?** Jubilate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Jubilate Deo omnis terra), meaning "Shout for joy to God, all the earth." (Psalm 66:3)

**Preschool Rummage Sale:** The preschool will be taking donations of household items, clothes, toys, etc. for the rummage sale in Carlyle on May 8th. You may bring your donations to the preschool prior to that date. You can also contact Monica French, Linda Reckling, Jeff Kleiboeker or Dena Brammeier and we will arrange a time to pick them up. We will be set up at the Fairgrounds so come out and support our preschool. Contact us with any questions. Thanks for your support. The Board of Education

**Books Wanted:** Agape Youth Group will be hosting a used book sale in the fall. But **FIRST** we are requesting donations of the following: gently used or new fiction or non-fiction books for all ages, gently used or new DVD's or Blu-Rays. Please no magazines, VHS, encyclopedias or textbooks. Donations may be given to any youth member or Sara. Contact Sara for more information.

**Easter Flowers:** Easter flowers will be available to be taken home after the 9:30am Divine Service on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**LWML SID Bible Study:** Prayer is especially important when times are tough. However, the mere act of praying can be especially difficult when anxiety, stress, and grief are the order of our day. The Church, from its inception has been gifted the Psalms as a template for prayer. Our Savior himself prayed Psalm 22 as he bore our sins, griefs, and infirmities on the cross. Please join us on **Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm on Facebook Live** as Pastor Krenz and Pastor Jacobsen, the two LWML District Pastoral Advisors lead us each week in a 90-minute study of three different Psalms. This will be on the LWML Southern Illinois District Facebook page.

**Church Office Secretary:** Trinity Lutheran Church of Centralia is seeking applicants for a secretary in the church office. This is a full-time position with benefits. Organization and computer skills preferred. Please submit resumes to: Board of Elders, c/o Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 S. Pleasant Ave., Centralia, IL 62801; resumes may also be emailed to [wpennington@corlhs.org](mailto:wpennington@corlhs.org).

**Open House:** Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia will be having an Open House on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office at 618-532-5434 for further information.