

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



The Feast of Holy Trinity *May 30, 2021*

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy **LSB 507**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit Ps. 8:1-2a, 3-5; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

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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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from

all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-7

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

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

Gradual: Blessed are You, O Lord, who beholds the deep, and who dwells between the cherubim. Blessed are You, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven, and greatly to be praised forever.

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Athanasian Creed*

LSB 319

Hymn of the Day: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

LSB 497

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offertory*

LSB 192

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 948, 876, 947, 953, 940

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

Preschool Graduation

Announcements

The Table of Duties: Many of us are familiar with the six chief parts of the Small Catechism: Ten Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. In addition to this, Luther included a section toward the end of the catechism called "The Table of Duties." The Table of Duties is a set of Scripture passages that describe various vocations established by God, such as father, mother, husband, wife, children, worker, employer, etc. These passages both admonish us to love our neighbor and reveal where we have sinned in failing to do so. However, more than that, these passages also show what God is doing in us for the benefit of others. Having been given a new heart through the blood of Christ, God's love and grace are active in and through us by faith, in very concrete and earthly ways, for the benefit of our neighbor. Through our various vocations, we are called by the Gospel to reflect Christ and His love to our neighbor. So it is that throughout the summer, the Congregation at Prayer will highlight these vocations established by God. The vocation's scripture passages will serve as that week's catechism focus and memory verse.

The History of the Athanasian Creed: Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor names Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

The Results Are In: Out of the 40 people who returned their survey: 85% voted "yes" they are comfortable returning to the one service, 72% voted "yes" the 9:30am Divine Service times still works for them, and 70% voted "no" to moving Sunday School and Bible Study to after the Divine Service. Thanks to all who turned in the survey.

Returning to One Service: Beginning next **Sunday, June 6th**, we will return to the one service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Those who have questions or concerns about this may speak with Pastor Jennings.

VBS Registration: VBS registration forms are available in your mailbox. For those interested in volunteering, please fill out a form and write 'volunteer' at the top. Completed forms can be placed in Dena Brammeier's church mailbox.

Mowing Calendar: The trustees have put up a calendar in the coat room for anyone willing to help mow the school yard this year. Your help is very much appreciated!! Thank you.

Thank You: We would like to thank everyone who donated to the rummage sale this month in support of our preschool. We raised \$255 for the preschool. Thanks for your continued support, School Board and Preschool Staff

Thank You: We would like to thank Pastor Jennings and all our church family for all your prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and food. Thank you so much for thinking of us during Eddie's recent eye surgery. Thank you also for all your love and support. It all meant so much to both of us. God's blessings to all of you. Edwin & Verdell Hermsmeyer

Blankets Needed: Blankets are needed for our 4 high school graduates and 1 from last year who we didn't get to be recognized due to Covid. Please let Sara Kuper know if you can make a blanket for one of these youth. Blankets of any homemade kind are appreciated!

Attention All Ladies of Bethlehem Congregation: The Ladies Aid/LWML is planning a get together on **June 18, 2021** at Twelve Oaks Winery at **5:00pm**. We will have pizza

around 6:00pm. For fun, we will be wearing hats, which is optional. Please let Sharon Schneider know if you would like to attend by **June 11, 2021** at 226-3353. Come join us for some fun and fellowship.

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.

Church Organist: Trinity Lutheran Church of Centralia is looking for a church organist for Saturday night and Sunday morning services, to begin in August at the latest. This is a compensated service. If interested, please contact Wilfred Pennington (chairman of the Board of Elders) at wpennington@corlhs.org.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY MILITARY BURIALS

- *C. ED. Brandhorst - Feb. 9, 1894 to May 11, 1955 - U. S. ARMY - WWI
- *Herman A. Fruend - Jan. 12, 1895 to Oct. 14, 1918 - PFC U. S. ARMY - WWI Killed in Action
- *Carl F. Zimmermann - Jan. 4, 1894 to Sept. 27, 1947 - U. S. NAVY - WWI
- *Richard Rommelmann - Mar. 5, 1896 to Aug. 1, 1983 - CPL U. S. ARMY - WWI
- *Alfred L. Stein - Apr. 27, 1895 to Feb. 12, 1958 - PVT U. S. ARMY - WWI
- *Wilbert "Bud" Palm - May 20, 1917 to Sept. 5, 2003 - TEC4 U. S. ARMY - WWII
- *Elbert "Chub" Rommelmann - June 28, 1923 to July 2, 1992 - TEC4 U. S. ARMY - WWII
- *Clarence W. Rommelmann - Aug. 14, 1926 to Nov. 17, 2002 - PVT U. S. ARMY - WWII
- *Erwin W. Michael - June 21, 1929 to Aug. 21, 2006 - PFC U. S. ARMY - Korea
- *Norman A. Stein - Nov. 20, 1927 to Oct. 19, 2000 - SFC U. S. ARMY - Korea
- *Wilbert O. Zimmermann - Sept. 15, 1932 to June 11, 1995 - PFC U. S. - ARMY - Korea
- *Walter R. Defend - July 1, 1927 to Jan. 11, 1996 - NAVY SEABEES - Korea
- *Martin E. Rueter - Jan. 8, 1935 to July 3, 1958 - IL. NATIONAL GUARD
- *Darrell L. Schneider - Sept. 13, 1945 to May 17, 2005 - A1C U. S. AIR FORCE - Vietnam
- *Roger L. Hanke - Sept. 21, 1945 to Dec. 19, 2008 - A1C U.S. AIR FORCE - Reserve
- *Howard R. Defend - Aug. 14, 1940 to July 4, 2009 - U. S. ARMY - Reserve
- *Delbert E. Brammeier - Aug. 7, 1946 to Sept. 9, 2009 - IL. NATIONAL GUARD

- *Ronald D. Schultz - Dec. 18, 1942 to Nov. 21, 2009 - A3C U .S. AIR FORCE Vietnam
- *Wilbert “Wib” Hermsmeyer - Mar. 6, 1927 to June 24, 2014 - CPL. U .S. ARMY
- *Earl D. Boeker – June 12, 1937 to Dec. 27, 2014 – U S. ARMY
- *Luther L. Redeker – August 23, 1936 to May 28, 2016 - IL. NATIONAL GUARD
- *Melvin W. Reinkensmeyer – Sept. 15, 1928 to July 11, 2017 – U.S. ARMY Korea

Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool Graduation

Sunday, May 30th, 2021

Opening Hymns

Presentation of the Class

Introduction of the School Board

Presentation of Diplomas

Robbie Gustafson

Parents: Chris & Jaclyn Gustafson

William Jennings

Parents: Rev. Jonathan & Stefanie Jennings

Karson Kleiboeker

Parents: Jeff Kleiboeker & Brittany Kleiboeker

Promotional Certificate

Jack Gehrs

Parents: Nick & Brandi Gehrs

Closing Prayer

Special Thanks To Our Teachers:

Dena Brammeier (Director)

Brandi Gehrs (Assistant)