

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

***And he believed the
LORD, and he counted it
to him as
righteousness.***

First Sunday after Trinity

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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: Praise the Almighty

LSB 797

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit

(Ps. 13:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6)

O Lord, I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

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.

O Lord, I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

Gradual: I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

Epistle: 1 John 4:16-21

¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

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

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray	LSB 768
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord's Prayer	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation	LSB 728

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 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 **today, Sunday, June 6th**, we are returning to the one service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. Those who have questions or concerns about this may speak with Pastor Jennings.

VBS: Unfortunately due to low registration numbers, we are cancelling this years VBS. We hope to be able to offer this next summer.

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.

Free Summer Movie Series: The Agape Youth Group will be hosting free summer movies. They will be in Ferrin behind the school building. There will be **concessions** run by the youth to **open at 7:00pm** with the **movie to begin at 8:00pm. On June 11th** they will be showing Cars. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and come enjoy a movie with your family and friends!

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.

Hymn Festival/Musical Celebration: Messiah/Carlyle is hosting a musical tribute celebrating the contributions of noted Lutheran composer Dr. Carl Schalk (1929-2021). Dr. Schalk, who died in January, was Distinguished Professor of Music Emeritus at Concordia University—Chicago and was composer of numerous hymn tunes, hymn settings, and choral anthems. The musical tribute will feature a small sampling of Dr. Schalk's work. The Josh Peterson family and the Rev. Kirk Clayton family (both of Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah) will lead the musical celebration with organ, brass, and choir. Dr. Mark Bender, minister of music at St. Paul's Lutheran in Des Peres, Missouri, and a student of Dr. Schalk's, will provide commentary on Dr. Schalk's contributions to the Church's song. The musical tribute takes place on **Monday, June 21, at 7pm**.