

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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: See This Wonder in the Making

LSB 593

The Rite of Holy Baptism for Hazel Kei Kuper

Introit

(Ps. 25:1-2a, 5b, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18)

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul,
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**You are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!

Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

**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.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Micah 7:18-20

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

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

Gradual: Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you. I call to God, and the LORD will save me. He redeems my soul in safety.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 15:11-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive	LSB 609
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord's Prayer	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode	LSB 714

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.

Pastor Out of Town: Pastor Jennings will be out of town Monday, June 21st through Tuesday, July 6th. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Mark Hofferber (Trinity-Hoffman) at 618-335-9549.

Matins: As Pastor Jennings is out of town, there will not be Matins this Wednesday. Matins will resume on Wednesday, July 7th.

Catechism Learn-by-Heart: This summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern

culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocation.

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!

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.**

Mostaccioli Dinner: Messiah Lutheran Church Carlyle is hosting a Mostaccioli Dinner and Dessert Silent Auction on **June 27, 2021**. Dinner is carry-out only and will be served starting at **11:00am until 12:30pm**. Stop by Messiah's Fellowship Hall to pick up your carry-out dinner and bid to win your favorite dessert. Dessert auction features whole pies, cakes, and other fabulous sweet treats baked by Messiah members and local bakeries. The meal includes mostaccioli (penne pasta baked in marinara sauce with four cheeses/two meats), salad, bread stick, and a cookie. The proceeds will benefit Summer 2021 Messiah youth trips. Call 618-594-3912 for more information.

Trinity Hoffman Preschool Teacher Needed: We have an open position for a preschool teacher. This is a salaried position. This is a five day program that meets from 8:15am to 11:15am. We require an early childhood certification as a minimum qualification. If interested, please contact the school office.

Trinity Hoffman Title 1 Reading, Math & Speech Tutor Needed: Trinity has established a Student Support Ministry that provides additional services for students who need assistance with academic skills in the areas of reading, mathematics, and speech. This is a part-time position working one on one or in small groups of students with some flexibility regarding hours. We require a teaching certificate as a minimum qualification.

Math and Science Opening: Christ Our Rock has full and part-time staffing needs in Mathematics and Science for the 2021-2022 school year. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

Cheer Coach Opening: Christ Our Rock is searching for a varsity cheerleading coach for the 2021-2022 basketball season. Interested parties should send resumes to Mr. Don Duensing, Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, 9545 Shattuc Road, Centralia, IL 62801, 226-3315, dduensing@corlhs.org.

Coalition for Life St. Louis: From September 22, 2021 through October 31, 2021, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 331 Salem Place, Suite 170, Fairview Heights, IL 62208, and also help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information – and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Kristi Hofferber at kristi@coalitionforlifestl.com.

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