

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: Father Most Holy **LSB 504**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 30a, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:b-19)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**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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my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by
Your governance that Your Church may joyfully serve You in all godly quietness;

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 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Gradual: Atone for our sins, for your name's sake! Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name deliver us.

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 6:36-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” ³⁹ He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. ⁴¹ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

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

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| Nicene Creed* | LSB 191 |
| Hymn of the Day: O God, My Faithful God | LSB 696 |
| Sermon | |
| Offertory* | LSB 192 |
| Prayer of the Church* | |
| Service of the Sacrament* | LSB 194 |
| Distribution Hymns: 637, 581, 684, 685 | |
| Nunc Dimittis* | LSB 199 |
| Benediction* | |
| Closing Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | LSB 851 |

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.

Guest Preacher Today: Today we welcome SID President Timothy Scharr to Bethlehem. We are thankful for his assistance this day as Pastor Jennings is out of town.

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.

Sunday Bible Study: Pastor Jennings Sunday Bible Study will not meet next Sunday, July 4th.

Council Meeting: Our next Council Meeting will take place Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Voter's Meeting: Our next Voter's Meeting will take place Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Mostaccioli Dinner: Messiah Lutheran Church Carlyle is hosting a Mostaccioli Dinner and Dessert Silent Auction on **today, 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 8:15 to 11:15. 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.

Part Time Church Secretary: Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman is looking for a part time secretary (approximately 20 hours per week). If interested, send your resume to Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Hoffman, IL 62250 and/or contact 495-2545. A job description is available upon request.

CORLHS 2021 Dinner & Auction: You are invited to the 17th annual Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction, which is fast approaching, to benefit Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School. It will be held at CORLHS on **Saturday, July 17**, with the doors opening and silent auction beginning at 4:30 p.m. A delicious dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. A live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. We are in need of items to be auctioned. No matter how small or large there is a price range for everyone! Deliver your auction items to the school office or give us a call to arrange for someone to pick up. Sponsorships are also available to underwrite the purchase of special items and event features. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the school office (office is open M-F 8 a.m.-3 p.m.) or on the website (corstallions.org) prior to July 9th. **All seats are reserved and must be purchased by the deadline.** View the auction items on our Facebook page and at Preview Night, Friday, July 16th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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.