

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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The Order of Worship
Matins (LSB 219)

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

Opening Versicles **LSB 219**

Venite **LSB 220**

Introit (Ps. 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: Ps. 27:7, 9b)

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

**O you who have been my help,
forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

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

**Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

**Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

**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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Hymn: How Can I Thank You, Lord **LSB 703**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21

¹¹ And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made

foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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Holy Gospel*: Luke 5:1-11

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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Common Responory*	LSB 221
Hymn of the Day: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake	LSB 688
Sermon	
Te Deum*	LSB 223
Kyrie*	LSB 227
Lord's Prayer*	LSB 227

Collects*

Prayer of the Church*

Benediction*

Closing Hymns: God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

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 Seminarian Zach Roll 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: Wednesday morning Matins will resume this week, July 7th at 8:30am.

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.

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 9th** they will be showing Wizard of Oz. 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!

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.

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