

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Eighth 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: O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace **LSB 693**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 48:1, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Ps. 48:9-10)

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

Within her citadels

God has made himself known as a fortress.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

This is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

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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As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live

according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹ “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³ “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

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

Gradual: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

Epistle: Acts 20:27-38

²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 7:15-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name,

and do many mighty works in your name?’²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: In God, My Faithful God	LSB 745
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 666, 585, 618, 619, 655	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Renew Me, O Eternal Light	LSB 704

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.

Out of Office: Pastor Jennings will be out of the office July 26-28 for a Pastors' Conference. In case of an emergency, he is available by phone.

Ladies Aid Cookbooks: If you or someone you know would like to purchase a reprint of our Ladies Aid cookbook, please contact Lois Pigg (618-304-9701). We will be taking orders through **August 8th**. Further details will be in the bulletin after our August meeting.

Agape Youth Ice Cream Social: The Agape Youth Ice Cream Social will be held **August 1st from 5:00pm-8:00pm**. Eat-in and to-go meals will be offered this year. We will also have seating available outside. Menu includes BBQ pulled pork, sloppy joe, hot dogs, chips, drinks, ice cream and homemade desserts.

Donations of Pies and Cakes: Donations of pies and cakes for the Ice Cream Social would be appreciated. We also are collecting gallon containers. Ice cream will be made on **July 27th**.

Order Your Ice Cream Today: To order a gallon of ice cream please go to the following link <https://tinyurl.com/ferrinicecream> and fill out the order form or contact Sara Kuper via phone or text at 618-974-8369 or contact any youth group member.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: It is time to get back in the habit of studying God's Word. We need Sunday School teachers willing to give some time to teaching the students the Bible stories from, you guessed it, the BIBLE! Anyone interested in doing this much needed job can speak to Pastor, Dena or Deb. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

Trinity Lutheran School Hoffman: Join us August 18th! Take your school supplies to your classroom and meet your teacher at 5:15pm! At 5:30pm it's picnic time! We will have hotdogs, chips, and watermelon for all. At 6:30pm we will head on over to the church for our opening chapel service.

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.

Student Aide Needed: Trinity Lutheran School Hoffman has an open position for a student aide. This is an hourly position. This is a 5 day position from 8:15am-3:15pm. If interested, please contact the school office.

Trinity Lutheran School Centralia: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia is looking for a full time teacher with an emphasis in English/Language Arts. Please send a resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org. Any questions, please contact the school at 618-532-5434.

Hoffman Daylight Madness: Join the fun at the 30th Annual Hoffman Daylight Madness on **August 7th** starting at 8:00 a.m. Rain or shine, it is the best yard sale day in the area. Hoffman Pride and Heritage Partners will have a food stand at the park starting at 7 a.m.: BISCUITS AND GRAVY, DONUTS AND DRINKS. **All proceeds will go to the VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FUND.**

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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