

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now **LSB 902**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5)

Behold, God is my helper;

the Lord is the upholder of my life.

He will return the evil to my enemies;

in your faithfulness put an end to them.

O God, save me, by your name,

and vindicate me by your might.

O God, hear my prayer;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;

they do not set God before themselves.

For he has delivered me from every trouble,

and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall

please You; 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: 2 Samuel 22:26-34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷ with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸ You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. ²⁹ For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. ³⁰ For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹ This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. ³² “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³ This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴ He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

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

Gradual: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹ Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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Holy Gospel*: Luke 16:1-13

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

¹ He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³ And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

Apostles' Creed

LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: One Thing's Needful (*Including Stz. 2*)

LSB 536

Sermon

Offertory*

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Lord's Prayer*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

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.

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.

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.

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.

Youth Card Game Night at Messiah Carlyle: Ferrin youth who are entering 6th grade through Agape high school youth members are invited for a card game at Messiah

Carlyle on **August 8** from 6:30 - 8:30. Let Sara know if you are interested in going (974-8369).

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 – Teacher and Student Aide 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. They require a teaching certificate as a minimum qualification. Trinity Hoffman also 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 in either of these positions, please contact the school office.

Trinity Centralia – English and Teacher's Assistant Needed: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia is looking for a full time teacher with an emphasis in English/Language Arts. They are also looking for a part-time teacher's assistant to aide with preschool, recesses, and assisting teachers. 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.

Trinity–St. John's Nashville – Second Grade Teacher Needed: Trinity-St. John Lutheran School in Nashville, IL is currently looking for a qualified, Christian teacher to be the second grade homeroom teacher. This is a part-time position, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Duties include teaching second grade Language Arts and Math as well as serving as the homeroom teacher for second grade. Interested candidates should send

their resume and cover letter to principal@tsjlutheran.org. Contact Amy Kurtz at 618-327-8561 for more information.

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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