

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Eleventh 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 \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion** **LSB 559**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\***

(Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in his holy habitation;

    he settles the solitary in a home.

**The God of Israel—he is the one**

**who gives power and strength to his people.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

    and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;**

**they shall be jubilant with joy!**

O God, when you went out before your people,

    in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;**

**God is our salvation.**

**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\*:** Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15**

<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." <sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

**Gradual:** In God my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 18:9-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee</b>	<b>LSB 607</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Lord's Prayer*</b>	
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be</b>	<b>LSB 611</b>

### **Announcements**

#### **Small Catechism: Daily Prayer**

As children of our Heavenly Father, we cannot help but pray. We have been given His name to call upon in every trouble, praise, pray, and give thanks. And through the blood of Christ, we may approach Him with all boldness and confidence, as a dear child asks his dear father. Some of our prayers will be prayed in the moment. They will be uttered with words not planned or thought about very carefully. Other prayers will be prayed in a formal way – that is, in a form, like that of the Lord's Prayer or often what we see in the Divine Service.

In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther gives the church a suggested routine for praying in both the morning and evening. This is drawn from Scripture, specifically the Psalms, that speak of calling upon God morning and noon and night (Psalm 55:17). This week, consider saying the Morning and Evening prayers when you rise and when you lay down to sleep.

**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!

**Rally Sunday - "Rally Around God's Word":** All are invited to join in the celebration as we 'Rally Around God's Word' this fall. August 29th will be Rally Sunday, not just

for Sunday School but for all of us! The celebration begins that morning. In Sunday School, we'll discuss our New Series of studies in God's Word, hear a story from God's Word, make cards for our sick and shut-in members, sing our hymn, have a snack, and get ready for the new year to begin! In pastor's Bible Study, we'll continue to dig into the Book of Acts. There, we'll discuss St. Paul's imprisonment and journey to Rome. Then from 4:00pm- 6:30pm, everyone is welcome to come for the Rally & Refreshment Night in the school basement. Thanks to Thrivent, the meat, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a brief devotion, food, and games for all ages. As God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps. 119:105), we need His life-giving word daily and weekly. So, let's 'Rally' our hearts and minds around God's Word!

**Sunday School:** Parents, we have lots of room each Sunday in class for your children. Please get back into the habit of bringing them to hear and study God's Word. Bring your Bible along and attend Pastor's Bible Study in the church after you drop them off. We have volunteers who are teaching the Bible lessons each week, and we like a crowd!

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 6:30 - 8:30. Let Sara know if you are interested in going (974-8369).

**Trinity Lutheran School Hoffman: Join us August 18<sup>th</sup>!** 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 Nashville:** Trinity Lutheran Church in Nashville cordially invites you to attend the August 15th Installation Service for Rev. David Benning as he has answered the Divine Call to serve as Pastor at Trinity. The Installation church service will begin at 3:00 pm with a light supper reception following the service. Please contact the church office at 327-3311 if you wish to attend the service and reception. Trinity asks that you wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated.

**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](mailto:kristi@coalitionforlifestl.com).

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**This Week in our congregation:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service  
Wednesday: 8:30am Matins  
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service

**Upcoming Events:**

- **August 29<sup>th</sup>** – Rally Sunday and Church Potluck
- **September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Wednesday Religion Parents' Meeting, Preschool Open House
- **September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Movie Night on the Preschool Lawn
- **September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Church Grounds Work Day
- **September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>** – Apple Butter
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Dinner Carry-Out Sponsored by the Preschool
- **November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Card Tournament and Silent Auction