

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 *)*

Opening Hymn: Have No Fear, Little Flock (Children Sing Stz. 1) **LSB 735**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 74:1-2, 19b, 21b; antiphon: Ps. 74:20a, 21a, 22a, 23a)

Have regard for the covenant, O Lord;

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

Arise, O God, defend your cause;

do not forget the clamor of your foes.

O God, why do you cast us off forever?

Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

Remember your congregation,

which you have purchased of old,

which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor forever.

Let the poor and needy praise your name.

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.

Have regard for the covenant, O Lord;

let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

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Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity;
and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have

commanded; 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 Chronicles 28:8-15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.” ¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

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

Gradual: You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples, You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

Epistle: Galatians 3:15-22

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise. ¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. ²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 10:23-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

²³ Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” ²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and

saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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

Apostles’ Creed	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace	LSB 580
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Installation of Sunday School Teachers	
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord’s Prayer*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us	LSB 851

Announcements

Divine Service Pew Cards: Kyrie – Gloria in Excelsis – Sanctus – Agnus Dei – Nunc Dimittis. You see these words in our church’s liturgy, but do you understand what they mean and why they are there? Could you explain the Divine Service to your child or grandchild or a visitor? Our historic liturgy is solidly based on God’s Word, And to help us understand why it is we do what we do, each pew has a laminated card titled, “The Divine Service – an Explanation.” This card explains what Lutherans do in worship and why. Each part of the service is described in detail, along with scriptural references. This will help both visitors and members understand the incredible depth and beauty of the Divine Service.

Rally Sunday: Today is Rally Sunday. Everyone is invited to the church picnic this evening from 4:00pm-6:30pm. Weather permitting there will be a bounce house for the kiddos too! Bring a side dish, lawn chair, and if you have a washer set or corn hole game, bring that too. We are praying for a nice evening for food, fellowship and some outdoor fun. If rain comes, we will eat and play some card games inside. In addition to a side dish, we ask that you bring any of the following to help support the Preschool (paper towels, 5 oz. Dixie cups, Windex, Clorox wipes, plastic forks, paper bowls, glue sticks, aluminum foil, play-doh, Kleenex).

Thank You: We would like to thank last year's Sunday school teachers: Judy Kleiboeker, Marla Corry, Susan Kleiboeker, Anna Childress, Cindy Hoffmann, Elisha Brinkmann, Deb Albers and Dena Brammeier as Superintendent. Thank you to this year's teachers: Judy Kleiboeker, Anna Childress, Marla Corry, Samantha Zimmermann, Susan Kleiboeker, Alexa Childress and Deb Albers. Superintendent Dena Brammeier and Assistant Deb Albers

Messiah Lutheran Church Carlyle: Chicken Dinner is **today August 29, 2021**, 10:30am-1:30pm @ the Fellowship Hall, 13th & Kane, Carlyle. Curbside & Carry Out Only. Featuring Homemade Desserts. \$12.

Men's Club: Men's Club will be hosting our annual BBQ on **Monday, September 6th** beginning at **6:00pm**. The committee is Dennis Kleiboeker, Norman Kleiboeker and Jeff Pigg. While meat will be provided, we ask that members bring a dish for the potluck. **ALL** men of the congregation are invited to come and enjoy the meal and fellowship. Please let a committee member know if you will be attending so we make sure to grill enough for everyone!

Work Day: There will be a work day to clean up the church grounds on **September 18th** starting at **8:00am**. We had great help last year and were able to finish everything in record time. We hope to see you all back again this year!

Help Needed: The Ladies Aid/LWML tradition of apple butter making will continue, but only with the help of our congregation members. **Friday September 24th at 1:00pm** we

will peel and core the apples until they are done. Bring your lawn chair, pan and knife and we will visit while we work. **Saturday September 25th at 7:00am** we will start washing apples, washing kettles and starting fires to begin the cooking as soon as can. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We are thankful for anyone that can come help peel, core, wash, stir and can the delicious apple butter! We also ask for your prayers for favorable weather, lots of helpers, good health and safety. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the secretary's office for anyone willing to help in any way. We look forward to 2 days of good fellowship with everyone on that fall weekend.

Apple Butter Orders: Orders can be given to Opal Jones 334-3024 or Caroline Tate 322-3708. Please get your orders in as soon as possible to ensure your orders are filled.

Cookbooks: Bethlehem Ferrin Ladies Aid cookbooks are being reprinted and should be ready the end of September. We have ordered extra so if anyone still needs one call Lois Pigg 618-304-9701. The purchase price is \$20 each.

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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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
4:00pm–6:30pm Rally Sunday Church Potluck
Wednesday: 8:30am Matins

6:00pm Religion Parents' Meeting
6:00pm Preschool Open House
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Events:

- September 1st: Wednesday Religion Parents' Meeting, Preschool Open House
- September 10th: Movie Night on the Preschool Lawn
- September 18th: Church Grounds Work Day
- September 24th & 25th: Apple Butter
- October 10th: Carry-Out Dinner Sponsored by the Preschool
- November 12th: Card Tournament and Silent Auction

This Week's Catechetical Theme: Handing Down the Faith

As Christians, we are disciples of Jesus – catechumens – for life, not just for a few years of confirmation instruction. We learn from God's Word continuously, both in the church and in the home. From His Word, we learn that we are sinners who need to repent and confess our sins. Yet, we also learn to trust in the crucified Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to go forward living out our faith in our vocations. Jesus Christ is the object of our worship and the source of our life and salvation. There is no good apart from Him. And so this week, as we begin a new catechetical year both in the church and in our homes, we focus on the theme "Handing Down the Faith." The Lord bless your time in His Word!