

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:

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

(Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124)

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

**Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.**

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart.**

Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**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.**

Righteous are you, O LORD,
and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,
and teach me your statutes.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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: Proverbs 25:6-14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. ¹¹A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. ¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprover to a listening ear. ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. ¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

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

Gradual: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 14:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things. ⁷ Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day:	
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns:	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn:	

Announcements

Apple Butter: Thank you for all your help making apple butter again this year! Thank you if you helped peel, core, wash apples, stir or can that delicious apple butter. Thank you if you brought food to share, your kettles to cook in, wood for the fires or a tent for shelter. We enjoyed good fellowship as everyone worked together. What an awesome group of volunteers!

Carry Out Dinner: Preschool staff and board of education will be organizing a carry out dinner on **Sunday, October 10th**. Carry out dinner will include mostaccioli, garlic bread, garden salad, and cookies or brownies for \$10.00. Additional help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Monica French at 618-322-3590 to see what you can do to help out. Thanks for your support.

Matthew 25 Food Pantry: The Ladies Aid/LWML have been collecting items for the Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Carlyle for some time. The items are delivered to the food pantry toward the end of the month, thanks to Jerry and Kathryn Mines. We thank you all for your continued support of this mission project. In addition to canned and dry boxed food items, the pantry will also accept the following items: toothpaste, tissues, toilet tissue, canned meats (tuna, salmon, sardines, spam, mackerel, chicken), baking powder, baking soda, sugar, flour and cooking oil.

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.

40 Days For Life: On October 8, 2021 and October 15, 2021 the LCMS SID Circuit’s 7 & 8 have jointly adopted two days for 40 days for 40 Days of Life. From 7:00am – 7:00pm on each of these two days, you are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-Day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood located at 331 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We are looking for a minimum of 2 individuals for each hour.

Through these efforts and the help of sidewalk counselors, 19,198 lives have been saved since 2007 across 64 countries. You can be a part of these life-saving efforts! Contact your 40 Days Coordinators – Deb Robert (618) 304-7123 or Kristi Hofferber (618) 335-9563 for more information or to volunteer to help on these days. Or you may visit www.coalitionforlifestl.com and sign up for prayer hours on our Vigil Calendar.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
Monday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool
Wednesday: 8:30am Matins
8:30am–11:00am Preschool
6:00pm–7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes
Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Events:

- October 10th: Carry-Out Dinner Sponsored by the Preschool
- November 7th: Sausage Supper
- November 12th: Card Tournament and Silent Auction