Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity October 3, 2021

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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: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word	LSB 904
Confession and Absolution*	LSB 184
Introit*	(Ps. 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text)
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,	
and let your prophets be proven faithful.	
Hear the prayer of your servants,	
According to the blessing of Aaron upon your people	le.
I was glad when they said to me,	
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"	
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!	
May they be secure who love you!	
For my brothers and companions' sake	
I will say, "Peace be within you!"	
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,	
I will seek your good.	
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.	
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,	
and let your prophets be proven faithful.	
Hear the prayer of your servants,	
According to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.	
Kyrie*	LSB 186

Collect*: O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus

LSB 187

Gloria in Excelsis*

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹² "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

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

Gradual: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 22:34-46

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** ³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart	LSB 708
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord's Prayer*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower	LSB 694
LWML Pledge and Song	

Announcements

Applebutter: There is extra applebutter for sale. If you would like some, please contact Opal Jones or Caroline Tate after church this morning. Thank you.

Men's Club: Men's Club meeting is **Monday, October 4th at 7:30pm.** The servers are Earl Schneider and Sam Siddell.

Carry Out Dinner: The Preschool staff and board of education will be organizing a carry out dinner on Sunday, **October 10th** from **11:00am–2:00pm or until we run out.** 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.

Ladies Aid/LWML: The Ladies Aid/LWML will have their October 11th meeting at Applebee's in Breese starting at 6:00pm. The committee is Sharon Schneider and Marilyn Schneider. Please remember to bring an item for the food pantry.

Agape Youth: On **October 17th** the Agape Youth will be having a bonfire and Bible study at 6:00pm.

Marriage and Facility Use Policy: Pastor Jennings and the Elders have put together the first draft of a Marriage and Facility Use Policy. They need someone with legal insight that could proofread this document. For those able to help, please speak with Pastor Jennings.

Joint Circuit Reformation Service: Joint Reformation Service for Circuits 7 & 8 will be hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, on Reformation Day, October 31st, at 3:00pm. SID President Timothy J. Scharr will be the speaker. Pastor Scott Schilbe (Messiah, Carlyle) will serve as organist.

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 ww.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
	7:30pm Men's Club
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
- October 31st: Joint Circuit Reformation Service
- November 7th: Sausage Supper
- November 12th: Card Tournament and Silent Auction