

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: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs **LSB 812**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 48:1, 9-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text)

The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,
for we have not obeyed his commandments.

Glorify your name, O Lord;

and deal with us according to your great mercy.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple**

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

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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for we have not obeyed his commandments.

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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be
cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Gradual: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Holy Gospel*: Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Apostles’ Creed***LSB 191****Hymn of the Day: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness****LSB 636****Sermon****Offertory*****LSB 192****Offering****Prayer of the Church*****Lord’s Prayer*****Benediction*****Closing Hymn:**

Announcements

Agape Youth: Tonight, 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.

Fazoli's is Coming to Hoffman: On **October 21st, 4:00pm–7:00pm** Fazoli's will be at Trinity Lutheran School. Dinners include your choice of spaghetti or fettuccine, dinner salad, bread sticks, cookie dessert for \$10.00 per dinner. This will be drive through only. Funds raised will support the technology and playground funds. Tickets are available from student families and in the school office. They will also be available as you drive up.

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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
- October 31st: Joint Circuit Reformation Service at St. John's New Minden
- November 7th: Sausage Supper
- November 12th: Card Tournament and Silent Auction