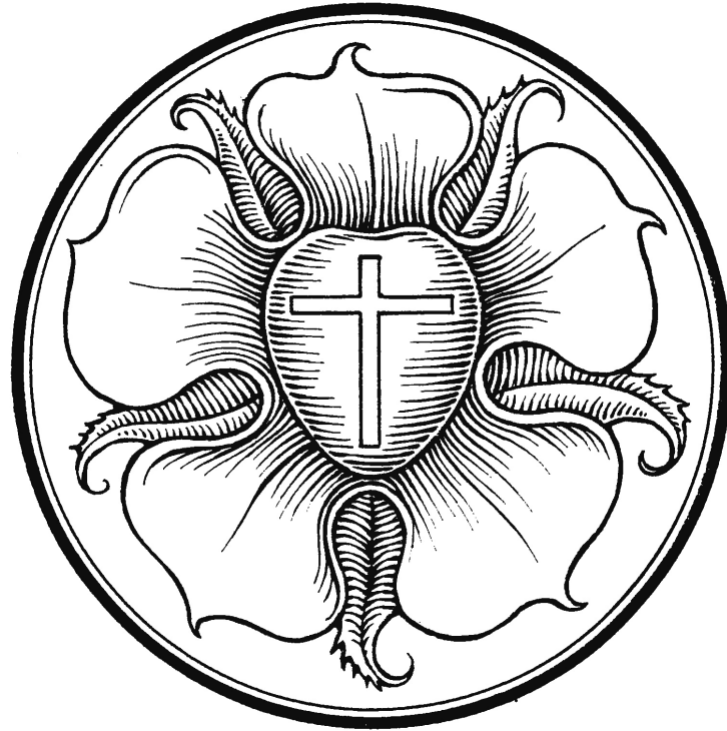


Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*The Commemoration of the
Reformation
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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: A Mighty Fortress is Our God **LSB 656**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

Hymn: God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

LSB 582

Gradual: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come

LSB 555

(Stz. 4 – Lectern Side, Stz. 5 – Pulpit Side)

Sermon

Offertory*

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church*

Service of the Sacrament*

LSB 194

Distribution Hymns: 556, 617, 562, 658

Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 199

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Announcements

Voters’ Meeting: The next voters’ meeting will be tonight, **Sunday, October 31st at 7:00pm.**

Men’s Club: Men’s Club will meet **November 1st at 7:30pm.** We will have election of officers so please get your names for the ballot to Chairman Steve Haun. Servers will be Darrell Brink and Earl Schneider.

Wurstmarkt: Thursday, November 4th at 6:00pm is a work night to get things set up and ready to serve on Sunday. **Saturday, November 6th at 8:00am** is potato peeling in the kitchen.

Sausage Orders: Please get your sausage orders to Earl Schneider by **November 6th** evening church service. The forms are on the table in the secretary's office.

Sign Up Sheet: There is a sign up sheet on the table in the secretary's office for anyone able to help on **Sunday, November 7th**. As always, all help is appreciated. Everyone working together is what has made this dinner a success for 62 years.

Divine Service Saturday, November 6th: For those helping with the Sausage Supper, we will offer a Divine Service on Saturday, November 6th at 7:00pm.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, texts, phone calls, and especially prayers during this time of my treatments. Thank you Pastor for all the visits and prayers, it meant so much. I know it was everyone's prayers that helped me through this time. It was all greatly appreciated. I am blessed to be part of such a caring church family. Sharon Hanke

Braille Prayer Books: Our group from Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be doing Braille Prayer books on **Tuesday, November 2nd** from 9:00am–11:00am at New Minden School.

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

Pinochle Tournament/Silent Auction: The preschool will be hosting a Pinochle Tournament/Silent Auction on Friday, November 12th, in the school basement. Doors will open at 6:00pm and play starts at 7:00pm. Entry fee is \$15 a player. Come early and enjoy mostaccioli, desserts, snacks and drinks. This evening will also include a silent auction so come even if you do not play pinochle. If you are able to make a donation for the auction please contact Dena Brammeier or one of our school board members: Monica

French, Linda Reckling, or Jeff Kleiboeker. Our preschool families and staff greatly appreciate your support. Please come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship and support our preschool.

Poinsettia Order Forms: There are poinsettia forms on the table in the ushers' room. Poinsettias are \$12.50 each. Please give your order form and money/check to Sylvia Kleiboeker by November 21, 2021. Checks can be made payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Advent by Candlelight: Advent by Candlelight is November 29th at 6:30pm in the school basement. All ladies are invited to attend this night to slow down and reflect on the season of Advent. The sign up board will be in the narthex next Sunday to reserve your spot. It will be up for 3 Sundays, the 7th, 14th and 21st.

Find Bethlehem on Podbean or Facebook: Listen to Pastor Jennings sermons on Podbean or our Facebook page. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran church and begin listening.

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

Thursday: 6:00pm Wurstmarkt Work Night

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Saturday: 8:00am Potato Peeling
7:00pm Divine Service

Sunday: No Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Events:

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