

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Septuagesima
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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: By Grace I'm Saved **LSB 566**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit

(Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)

The cords of Sheol entangled me;

The snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.

From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength

and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

and sing to 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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory

of Your name; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

Gradual: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. **10** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the

sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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

Tract: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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 Hymn: 575, 693, 628, 573	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	LSB 202
Closing Hymn: Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	LSB 746

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What does this mean: 'Septuagesima' comes from the Latin word for “seventieth.” Septuagesima is approximately 70 days from Easter, which reminds us of the 70 years of captivity which God's people underwent in Babylon. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the reformation theme of God's grace alone.

Church Officer Needed: We are still in need of a member to sit on the Board of Education. If you have been asked to serve, please prayerfully reconsider. Or, if you know of someone who is interested, please speak with the Board of Education.

Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: If you or someone you know that would like to be the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, please speak to either Pastor or Deb Albers.

Ladies Aid/LWML: We are having a card making party to Share the Love on February 14, 2022. There will be devotions at 7:00pm and card making to follow. Snacks will be provided. I have several rubber stamps, envelopes and will have the cards cut. If you have any stickers or devotions you wish to bring to decorate the cards, feel free to do so. Deb

Flower chart: If you wish to adorn the church altar in remembrance of a loved one or for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, sign up on the flower chart. It is in the narthex for your convenience.

Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School's annual Pork Chop Dinner is today, **February 13th between 10:45am-1:00pm**. This is drive-thru only. All checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran School. The annual auction will be held on-line again this year. Please check out all the wonderful donations at www.lehdeonlineauctions.com. The auction will begin Sunday, February 13th and bidding will end the following Saturday, February 19th. So check back and bid often. All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students at the school, in areas of technology, P.E., classroom materials, and school wide projects, just to name a few. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Hoffman PTL

Prayer Request: Linda (Emil) Nehrt has had brain surgery and is now in rehab at Anderson Rehab Institute in Edwardsville. Emil & Linda are requesting your prayers. If any of you would like to send her a card, her address is: Linda Nehrt, Anderson Rehab Institute, 3402 Goshen Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025. All your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank You! Emil & Linda Nehrt

Hymn Festival in Honor of Carl Schalk: On **Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 PM**, Zion Lutheran Church in Mascoutah will host a Hymn Festival featuring the musical works of Carl Schalk, who was called to glory one year ago. Dr. Mark Bender will give commentaries on the musical selections, which will include "Lift High the Cross," "Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See," "O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair," "Alleluia to Jesus," "The Day Thou Gavest," "Thine the Amen," and more. No tickets are needed and the Hymn Festival is free, but a freewill offering will be collected. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah, IL.

Open House: The Open House for Norman Kleiboeker's 85th birthday has been rescheduled for **March 20, 2022**. All are welcome to attend.

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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

7:00pm Ladies Aid/LWML

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins

8:30am–11:00am Preschool

6:00pm–7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Class

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service