

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Sexagesima
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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

Hymn: Thy Strong Word **LSB 578**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

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

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

**you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.**

But you have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

**In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.**

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.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Rise up; come to our help!

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

Gradual: Let your enemies know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:9-13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

Tract: O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its breaches, for it totters. That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

Holy Gospel*: Luke 8:4-15

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

⁴And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

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

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens	LSB 589
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
The Lord's Prayer*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	LSB 655

Announcements

What does this mean: Sexagesima comes from the Latin word for “sixtieth.” Sexagesima is approximately 60 days from Easter. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of 'Scripture 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.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd: Bethlehem will gather together on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm for our Ash Wednesday Divine Service. On this day, the church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday Soup/Chili Supper: On Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, there will be a chicken noodle soup/chili supper prior to that evening's Divine Service. Serving will begin at 5:00pm and will last until 6:30pm. Soup and chili will be provided by Sam and Angie Siddell. There will be a free will offering for Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School.

The 1% Challenge: 1% of your day is 14 minutes. While it's not a lot of time, you can still accomplish a lot in this short period. During the Season of Lent, I challenge you and your family to set aside 1% of your day to the reading of Scripture. If you're already doing this, I challenge you to add 1%. If you don't know where to begin, consider taking up the Congregation at Prayer or picking a book of the Bible. Setting aside 1% of your day to the reading of God's Word will not only enhance for you the penitential Season of Lent, but it will strengthen you in the one true faith.

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: No Preschool

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