

# 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 \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Hymn: Let Me Be Thine Forever**

**LSB 689**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

**Introit**

(Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be a rock of refuge for me,

    a strong fortress to save me!

**For you are my rock and my fortress;**

**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

    in your righteousness deliver me!

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;**

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;

    my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**Make your face shine on your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love!**

**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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    a strong fortress to save me!

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    and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” <sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

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

**Gradual:** You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**Tract:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

### **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 18:31-43**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son

of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him,<sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.”<sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.”<sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 191</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</b>	<b>LSB 685</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 192</b>
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 194</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 398, 732, 568, 627</b>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis*</b>	<b>LSB 199</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: “Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake</b>	<b>LSB 688</b>

### **Announcements**

**What does this mean:** Quinquagesima comes from the Latin word for “fiftieth.” Quinquagesima is approximately 50 days from Easter and is the last Sunday prior the Season of Lent, which starts on Wednesday. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of "Faith Alone."

**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 the penitential Season of Lent for you, but it will strengthen you in the one true faith.

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**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.

**Prayer Request:** Linda (Emil) Nehrt has had brain surgery and was in rehab at Anderson Rehab Institute in Edwardsville. She was released to go home on February 24<sup>th</sup> where she will continue her rehab. Emil & Linda are requesting your prayers. If any of you would like to send them a card, their address is: Emil & Linda Nehrt, 40 Valentine Lane, Highland, IL 62249. All your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank You!  
Emil & Linda Nehrt

**Hymn Festival in Honor of Carl Schalk:** Today 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.

**Braille Prayer Books:** We will be doing Braille Prayer Books on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am–11:00am at New Minden School. Opal

**St. John's New Minden Chicken Dinner:** St. John's New Minden will be having a drive-thru only chicken dinner **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am–1:00pm.** German potato salad, fried chicken, green beans, applesauce and dessert will be served. The cost is \$12. Please enter by the west parking lot drive at the God's Garden sign.

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

**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  
5:45pm–6:45pm Religion/Confirmation Class  
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Divine Service

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service