

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit)

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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:

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit

(Ps. 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: Ps. 91:15a, c, 16)

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**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.

When he calls to me, I will answer him;

I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.**

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Collect: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 3:1-21

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he

shall rule over you.”¹⁷ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

Gradual

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Alleluia is omitted

Tract

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter. **Glory be to Thee O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put

the Lord your God to the test.”⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.”¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

Apostles’ Creed	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day:	
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
The Lord’s Prayer*	LSB 196
Benediction	
Closing Hymn:	

Announcements

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.

St. John's New Minden Chicken Dinner: St. John's New Minden will host a drive-thru only chicken dinner today, **March 6th 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.

Casserole Sale: Agape youth will be hosting a casserole sale after church on **March 20th**. This is a great way to get a homemade meal that you don't have to cook yourself!

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

Pinochle/Euchre Tournament: Bethlehem Lutheran Preschool Ferrin will be hosting a Pinochle and Euchre Tournament on Friday, March 25th, in their school basement. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and play starts at 7:00 pm. Entry fee is \$15.00 a player. Fried chicken, desserts, snacks, and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Reckling (618-616-4113). Our preschool families and staff greatly appreciate your support. Please come out and enjoy an evening of Christian Fellowship.

April Service Projects: Agape youth are looking for service projects for the month of April. Service projects will be completed in groups of 2-3. Do you have a neighbor that works hard and could benefit from an act of kindness? Or maybe you know someone who could use a little help doing something but might not ask for it on their own? If you know of someone that needs something done, please give recommendations to Sara as soon as possible. Ideas include gutters cleaned, baby-sitting, lawns mowed, cars washed, etc. Once we have the projects needing done, we will partner them with a group of youth who will arrange a time that works for everyone to complete the project. Thanks!

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 24th 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

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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
5:45pm–6:45pm Religion/Confirmation Class
7:00pm Midweek Lenten Service
Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool
Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service