

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*(Jubilate)*  
*May 8, 2022*

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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**

**Opening Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain** **LSB 487**  
**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit**

(Ps .66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Ps. 66:1-2)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”**

Come and see what God has done;

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**Bless our God, O peoples;**

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

Who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

**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.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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: Lamentations 3:22-33**

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup> It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. <sup>28</sup> Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him; <sup>29</sup> let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope; <sup>30</sup> let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not cast off forever, <sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

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

**Gradual:** Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia. Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

**Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

**Hymn: Christ Is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 16:16-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see

me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 158</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: In Thee Is Gladness</b>	<b>LSB 818</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	
<b>Prayer of the Church*</b>	
<b>Offering &amp; Offertory*</b>	<b>LSB 781</b> (Stzs. 1 & 2)
<b>Service of the Sacrament*</b>	<b>LSB 160</b>
<b>Distribution Hymns: 482, 467, 461, 490</b>	
<b>Thank the Lord*</b>	<b>LSB 164</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: O God, Our Help in Ages Past</b>	<b>LSB 733</b>

### **Announcements**

**What does this mean:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter is referred to as Jubilate. Jubilate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Jubilate Deo omnis terra), meaning "Shout for joy to God, all the earth." (Psalm 66:3)

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Eli Kuper for completing Level 3 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart program. Level 3 includes the primary text of Confession and the Lord's Supper. Congratulations, Eli! Keep up the good work!

**Ascension of Our Lord:** On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. You and your family are encouraged to attend the Divine Service starting at

7:00pm. The Guest Preacher for the evening will be Rev. Roy Askins (Managing Editor – The Lutheran Witness). On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. Although Jesus is hidden from our physical eyes, He is not absent from us. Having ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, He directs all things for the good of His Bride the church. Through His Word and Sacraments, He draws near to bestow upon us the gifts of His crucifixion and resurrection.

**Agape Youth Easter Baskets on the Table in Back of Church:** One has eggs with candy and a fact about the gathering. The other is to return eggs. We are inviting everyone to take an egg and return it with loose change to help the group raise funds for their trip this summer. You may return it to the basket or a youth member. Thanks!

**Ladies Aid/LWML:** Our May meeting will be **May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at Dominos located at 320 South Elm Centralia, Il 62801. Bring your Mite Boxes, your pantry items and a hungry tummy. This is our last evening together until August. Hope to see you all there!

**VBS** is fast approaching! **Baptized Into Christ** will take place from **8:30am-11:00am** each morning, **June 27-June 30, 2022**. We will be learning Bible stories on Baptism, having snacks, making items for a home altar, doing service projects, and of course, having fun! Please speak with Deb Albers, if you are able to help with this year's activities. Many hands make light work.

**Mostaccioli Dinner:** The youth of Messiah Lutheran/Carlyle is hosting a Mostaccioli Dinner (carryout only) and Dessert Silent Auction on May 15. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Summer 2022 Messiah Youth Trip to attend the “Higher Things” Youth Conference. The dinner will be served from 11:00am until 12:30pm. While inside the Fellowship Hall to pick-up your carryout dinner, you can bid to win your favorite dessert (or choose to “buy it now”). Dessert auction features whole pies, cakes, and other fabulous sweet treats baked by Messiah members and local bakeries. Homemade meal includes baked mostaccioli (with meat), salad, and bread stick. Suggested dinner donation is \$10 per meal. Dinner tickets are available for purchase and walk-ins are welcomed. Call 618-594-3912 for more information.

**Teacher Needed:** Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is looking for a full time teacher for our combined 3rd and 4th grade class for the fall. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Family, please send your resume, transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

**CORLHS Annual Auction:** Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is happy to announce that they we will be having our Annual Auction on **October 22, 2022**. We are excited to have this event in person once again. Sharon Schneider, Lois Pigg and Kathy Hanke have volunteered to help collect items for the auction. Start thinking now of items that you would be willing to donate to help continue our mission of Lutheran Education.

**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

**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  
6:00pm Ladies Aid/LWML at Dominos in Centralia

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins  
8:30am–11:00am Preschool  
6:00pm–7:30pm Religion

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschools Last Day

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