

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*(Cantate)*

*May 15, 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: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** **LSB 793**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit**

(Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b)

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

**His right hand and his holy arm**

**have worked salvation for him.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;**

**break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

**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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for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

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

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 154**

**Collect\*:** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 12:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is

my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.”<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

**Gradual:** Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**Epistle: James 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

**Hymn\*: Christ is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 16:5-15**

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

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in

me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

**Apostles' Creed\***

**LSB 159**

**Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

**LSB 556**

(Stz. 5 – Lectern Side, Stz. 6 – Pulpit Side)

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Offertory\***

**LSB 781 (Stz. 1 & 2)**

**Lord's Prayer\***

**Collect\***

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good**

**LSB 819**

**Preschool Graduation**

### **Announcements**

**What does this mean:** The Gift Sunday of Easter is also referred to as Cantate. Cantate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Cantate Domino), meaning “Sing to the Lord.” (Psalm 98:1)

**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 with dessert & fellowship to follow in the preschool basement. 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.

**Mowing Calendar:** The trustees have put up a calendar in the ushers' room for anyone willing to help mow the school yard this year. Your help is very much appreciated!! Thank you.

**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!

**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. There is a registration form on the table in the ushers' room.

**Mostaccioli Dinner:** The youth of Messiah Lutheran/Carlyle is hosting a Mostaccioli Dinner (carryout only) and Dessert Silent Auction on **Today**. 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-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.

**Women's Summer Bible Study:** Monday evenings beginning **June 6, 2022 at 6:30pm** at Trinity Lutheran School, Hoffman, Deb Albers will be leading a Bible study using the book "Chosen" a study of Esther. Please RSVP to Deb Albers at (618)978-3770 or Michele Hill at (618)409-5972 by **Today**. The cost of the book will be \$10.

**Sipping for Students:** Ladies, please join us for a fundraiser to benefit the Student Support Ministry at Trinity Lutheran School, Hoffman. This will be at Twelve Oaks Vineyard **June 1, 2022 from 6:00pm–8:00pm**. There will be a complimentary glass, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a drawing for prizes. At 6:30pm there will be a presentation on how you can join us to support students. A donation will be requested. RSVP to Elaine Duensing at (618)367-0056 Voice or text or email [dejjaduensing@frontier.com](mailto:dejjaduensing@frontier.com). Reserve your glass before **May 29<sup>th</sup> to ensure your place!**

**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](mailto:principal@trinitycentralia.org) or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

**Teacher Needed:** St. Peter's Lutheran School, St. Peter, Illinois is seeking a 1st and 2nd Grade teacher beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. St. Peter's Lutheran is a Christ centered LCMS school, Biblically based, and state recognized. If you know of someone who might fit our needs, please contact Principal Dr. Larry Wooster ([lwooster.spls@gmail.com](mailto:lwooster.spls@gmail.com)) or Mrs. Belinda Harpster ([bharpster.spls@gmail.com](mailto:bharpster.spls@gmail.com)) by either e-mail or in the school office (618-349-8888; 701 E 3rd St, Saint Peter, IL 62280)

**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 w/Preschool Graduation  
Agape Youth Bowling

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

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9:30am Divine Service