

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Ninth Sunday after Trinity*  
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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: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now** **LSB 902**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\*** (Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5)

Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**He will return the evil to my enemies;**  
**in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

O God, save me, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

**O God, hear my prayer;**  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves.

**For he has delivered me from every trouble,**  
**and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

**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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the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
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**Kyrie\*** **LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall

please 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: 2 Samuel 22:26-34**

<sup>26</sup>“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; <sup>27</sup> with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. <sup>28</sup> You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. <sup>29</sup> For you are my lamp, O LORD, and my God lightens my darkness. <sup>30</sup> For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. <sup>31</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. <sup>32</sup> “For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God? <sup>33</sup> This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. <sup>34</sup> He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.

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

**Gradual:** O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13**

<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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## **Holy Gospel\*: Luke 16:1-13**

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

<sup>1</sup> He also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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: One Thing's Needful</b> ( <i>Including Stz. 2</i> )	<b>LSB 536</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: 743, 781, 732, 726, 731</b>	

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 199**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: What Is the World to Me**

**LSB 730**

*(Following the service, we will recognize our high school graduates.)*

### **Announcements**

**Thank You:** Agape youth would like to thank all those who came out to the ice cream social. A huge thank you to Earl & Marilyn Schneider for donating the ground beef! Also thanks to Thrivent for a grant, KC for ice, and Dairy Queen for quart containers. We'd also like to thank any who sent in pies and cakes. Also, a humongous thank you goes out to the individual who left the anonymous gift in the Kupers' mailbox – we are blown away by your generosity! The support and love this congregation shows to our youth does not go unnoticed!

**2022 High School Graduates:** Today we are recognizing our high school graduates from the class of 2022. We encourage everyone to keep them in their prayers as they begin the next chapter in their lives. We look forward to seeing what God has planned for these individuals. Today they will each receive a blanket. The blanket is to remind them that they are always covered in God's love. We also hope that this blanket reminds them that their Ferrin family is keeping them in our thoughts and prayers and be reminded that church should be a part of their life even if they're not close to home. **Class of 2022:** Anna Childress, Bryanna French, Hayden Hoffman, Keaton Langenhorst, and Karlie Schilling.

**Ice Cream:** Agape Youth still has some quarts of ice cream for sale (\$4). See Sara this morning if you are interested.

**Bethlehem Preschool:** At the last Voters' Meeting, it was decided that we needed a minimum of four students in order to have a preschool for the 2022-2023 school year. Unfortunately, we did not reach this number. While we will not have a preschool this school year, the Board of Education will be meeting to discuss ways of offering this in the future.

**Save the Date: August 28<sup>th</sup> will be Rally Sunday.** There will be a breakfast served during Sunday School, along with a lesson. Please have your children and grandchildren involved in Sunday School each week. By the way... we are having Summer Sunday School too; so I hope to see the kids each week. God's Blessings, Deb

**CORLHS:** September is the month for our church to keep CORLHS in our personal prayers and to bring the staff or school some treats to know they are being prayed for and thought of. Any questions talk with Angie Siddell.

**Collecting for Matthew 25 food pantry:** The Ladies Aid/LWML is still collecting items for the Matthew 25 food pantry. Please help us fill the tote under the mailboxes in the narthex. You can bring any kind of boxed food item, or personal care items too, like soap, small bottles of laundry soap, diapers, toothpaste, bathroom tissue, etc. it sure helps those who are in need. As stated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Matthew, verse 4 *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'* The Lord asks us to share out of our bounty with those in need.

**Apple Butter:** Apple Butter Orders due no later than **August 31st**. Quarts are \$8.00, pints are \$6.50, with your own washed jars, rings and flats. If we provide the jars, flats and rings the cost is an extra \$1.00 per jar. Contact Caroline Tate at 618-322-3708 or Diane Buening at 618-520-3673.

**Helpers needed:** Apple butter days are here again! September 23-24 will be the weekend to peel, core and cook that yummy sweet butter. It has been a long time tradition here at Bethlehem and we need helpers of all ages. We need prayers from everyone for good weather, willing workers, and safety. PLEASE let a member know if you can come help us out at any time that weekend. Friday peeling will start at 1 p.m. Saturday washing of the apples will begin about 7 a.m. and cooking around 7:30. Soups and sandwiches will be served if you wish to bring a dish to share, that would be appreciated. It is a good time of fellowship, work and stories galore! Come help out and make some memories!

**David's Harp Exploratory Meeting:** At the first meeting, six area congregations were represented. We decided to meet again to work on a proposal to establish a music education center among our churches. Pastors, church musicians, and lay leaders are

invited to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m.** at St. John's, New Minden, in the church Fellowship Hall. David's Harp is a new Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS. Their motto is, "Where Music Brings Christ into the World." They foster the establishment of centers of music education in LCMS churches around the country (and on the mission field). These centers are designed to raise up new pianists, organists, and other musicians who will serve in the church and to use music as a means of outreach. For more information, explore the David's Harp website: [davidsharpmusic.org](http://davidsharpmusic.org). Or, watch a webinar of the David's Harp presentation to the LCMS Rural and Small Town Ministry last fall. Just google "LCMS RSTM David's Harp Webinar." Your prayers are appreciated!

**Issues, Etc:** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Apparent Contradictions in Paul's Conversion Story, Proof Texting Early Church Fathers in Roman Catholicism, The Nunc Dimittis, Old Testament Patriarch Isaac and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**This Week in our congregation:**

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

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