

# 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**

**Opening Hymn: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion** **LSB 559**

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

**Introit\*** (Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in his holy habitation;

    he settles the solitary in a home.

**The God of Israel—he is the one**

**who gives power and strength to his people.**

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

    and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;**

**they shall be jubilant with joy!**

O God, when you went out before your people,

    in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;**

**God is our salvation.**

**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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**Kyrie\*** **LSB 186**

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

**Collect\*:** Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us

those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15**

<sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." <sup>2</sup> And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." <sup>8</sup> Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" <sup>10</sup> And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

**Gradual:** In God my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 18:9-14**

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

<sup>9</sup>He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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

**Nicene Creed \***

**LSB 191**

**Hymn of the Day: From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee**

**LSB 607**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**Offering**

**Installation of Sunday School Teachers**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 194**

**Distribution Hymns: 420, 602, 634, 571**

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 199**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

**LSB 611**

### **Announcements**

**Parents' Meeting August 31<sup>st</sup>:** For parents who have children that are not confirmed, please plan on attending our parents' meeting on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. This includes parents who send their kids to Trinity Hoffman. We will meet at the preschool to discuss the upcoming school year, as well as ways to bring your child up in the faith and to prepare them for confirmation.

**Support for Opal Jones:** As Opal continues to undergo medical treatment; those interested in helping provide meals for the family may sign-up in the narthex. Additional questions can be directed to Deb Albers.

**Thank You:** Thank you to our Sunday School teachers from the 2021-2022 school year. Alexa Childress, Anna Childress, Marla Corry, Judy Kleiboeker, Susan Kleiboeker, Samantha Zimmermann, and Deb Albers. Our congregation is blessed to have you serve in this way.

**Fall Sunday School:** Fall Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. We will meet **upstairs in the Preschool room** starting next week. All grades will meet together. Teachers for this year are Judy Kleiboeker, Susan Kleiboeker, Marla Corry, Alexa Childress, Samantha Zimmermann, Madisyn Nolte, and Deb Albers.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 1:00pm. Saturday washing of the apples will begin about 7:00am and cooking around 7:30am. 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!

**Work Day:** There will be a work day to clean up the church grounds on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** starting at **8:00am**. Any and all help will be appreciated. The Trustees

**LWML Fall Retreat:** LWML CID/SID joint fall retreat is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Camp CILCA in Cantrall, IL (a bit north of Springfield). Come and spend time in God's Word with the LWML retreat, "God's Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping Up in the Psalms." The deadline for registration is **September 23, 2022**.

**Issues Etc this Week:** Issues, Etc. is a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**This Week in our congregation:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School  
9:30am Divine Service  
Wednesday: 6:00pm Parents' Meeting  
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9:30am Divine Service