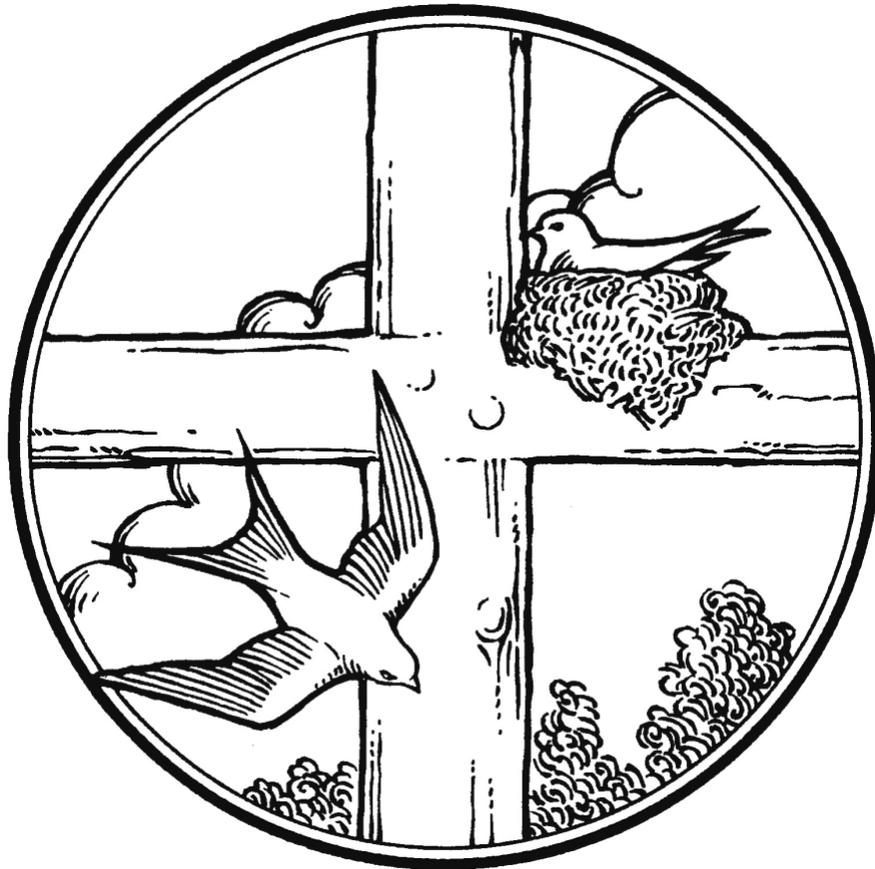


Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Fifteenth 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 *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing **LSB 732**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit*

(Ps. 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: Ps. 86:1a, 2b, 3)

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

Save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul,

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;

turn to me and be gracious to me;

give your strength to your servant,

and save the son of your maidservant.

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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Save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her

evermore by Your help and goodness; 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: 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Gradual: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Epistle: Galatians 5:25–6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. **6** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load. ⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the

one who teaches. ⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 6:24-34

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁴ “No one 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. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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

Nicene Creed*

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: What God Ordains Is Always Good

LSB 760

Sermon

Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 754, 719, 736, 750	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation	LSB 728

Announcements

Church Choir: Church Choir will meet today after the Divine Service.

Council & Voters' Meeting: The Council meeting will be **Sunday, October 9, 2022 after church**. The Voters' meeting will be **Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 7:00pm**. A reminder for all outgoing council members, we will have elections at this voters' meeting so please be on the look out for someone to run as your replacement.

Offering Envelopes: If you are needing or wanting offering envelopes, please talk to Jen Brink.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church–We Need You: Pastor Jennings, Miss Dena, and the School Board met on August 31st and are more determined than ever to have a preschool again next year. But we need your help and support! We are seeking one person to step forward to fill an open spot immediately on the board and we will have another open spot in January.

Additionally, we are moving forward with all of our previous fundraisers and events. Mark you calendars for the following dates:

- **Sunday, October 23, 2022 11:00am-2:00pm**, Mostaccioli Meal-Carry Out only (includes salad and dessert)
- **Saturday, November 19, 2022 7:00pm**, Pinochle Tournament and Silent Auction
- **Saturday, December 24, 2022 7:00pm** Christmas Eve Program

We have some other exciting ideas in the works to hopefully attract more students for next year, so please be on the lookout for these event announcements. If you know of any child that will be 3, 4, or 5 next fall, please let the parents know that Bethlehem Lutheran

Preschool will be accepting kids for next fall. They can call the church at (618) 545-9543 to tour the preschool and/or meet with Miss Dena and Pastor before then. Your help in continuing this wonderful preschool tradition is greatly needed and 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. 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, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

David's Harp Meeting: So far representatives from six area congregations have expressed interest in establishing a music education center among our churches. Pastors, church musicians, and lay leaders are invited to attend the next meeting on **Monday, September 26, at 7:30pm** 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: davidharpmusic.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!

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes

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9:30am Divine Service