

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Last Sunday of the Church Year

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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 151

Introit*

(Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8; antiphon: Is. 35:10)

The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!**

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

**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 152

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

Collect*: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, we pray, to lead home His
bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter

into His eternal wedding feast; 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 65:17-25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

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

Gradual: In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do,

but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 156

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 159

Hymn of the Day: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

We Give Thee But Thine Own*

LSB 781

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star

LSB 872

Announcements

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped work at the Wurstmarkt. Also, thank you to everyone who donated desserts. Your help is greatly appreciated. We served 1421 dinners. Men's Club

Poinsettia Order Forms: There are poinsettia forms on the table in the ushers' room. Poinsettias are \$12.50 each. Please give your order form and money/check to Sylvia Kleiboeker by **today, November 20, 2022**. Checks can be made payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service: There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service on **Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

New Bible Study Coming: There is a new Bible study coming **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament' will lead us through the entirety of the Old Testament. We'll dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today! **Join us Sundays at 8:30am.** All are welcome!

Advent Midweek Services: Whether it's a spouse or child, family or friend, coworker or classmate, we often set high expectations for those around us. Yet, disappointment comes when our expectations are not met. During our midweek Advent Vespers, we will take a look at four different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers - Cain, Ishmael, Esau, and Absalom. Yet, each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son who fulfills every hope and expectation in order to redeem us from our sins - Jesus Christ! So, join us on **Wednesday, November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st at 7:00pm** for our midweek Advent Vespers as we consider the theme: "This Is My Son!"

Religion Class Through Advent: We will not have Religion Class on **Wednesday, November 23rd** due to the Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service. However, students and their families are encouraged to attend the service that evening at 7:00pm. Additionally, throughout the Season of Advent, Religion class will be from **5:45pm-6:45pm**. Following class students and their families are encouraged to attend the Vespers Service at 7:00pm.

All Ladies of the Congregation: All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas party on **December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm** in the school basement. Please **RSVP to Mia Zimmermann by December 5th**. For anyone attending the cost will be \$15.00 per meal.

Annual Social Night: The annual Advent social night will be on **December 14, 2022**. It will be held in the school basement following the 7:00pm Advent Vespers. Bring some cookies or snacks to share and enjoy a cup of coffee or hot cocoa while visiting with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Potluck: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer will be preaching here at Bethlehem on **December 18, 2022**. Following the service there will be a congregational potluck. Fried chicken will be provided. The Ladies Aid will be hosting the meal. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of one another as we visit with Pastor Meyer.

Hey, need a Christmas gift? There are cookbooks available for \$20 each down in the office. Get in touch with one of the Ladies Aid/LWML members to get your cookbook today! It is filled with awesome recipes from some amazing cooks.

Sing and Sip: December 20, 2022 the ladies will be out caroling to the shut ins. Meet at **1:00pm** at school to carpool. After the caroling, the ladies are asked to bring finger foods and join over at Sharon Schneider's for some social time. If you would like to join in the fun, let Sharon (226-3353) know to expect you. All ladies are welcomed to join us.

The CORLHS Music Program: The CORLHS music program will be presenting a musical reflection and celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus on **Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman. We invite you to join us as we prepare our hearts and minds for this Advent and Christmas season with a participatory program of God's Word through music!

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.

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This Week in our congregation:

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

Wednesday: 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service

Thursday: Church Office Closed

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