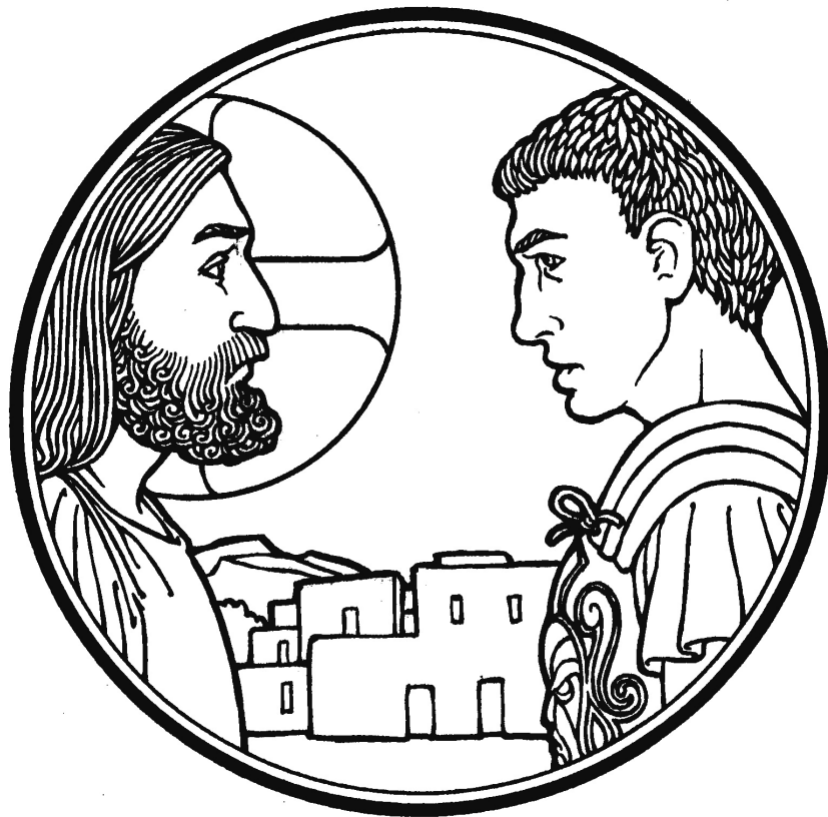


# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 22, 2023*

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## The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 184)

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

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### Announcements

**Hymn: From God the Father, Virgin-Born**

**LSB 401**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

### Introit

(Ps. 97:1, 10-12; antiphon: Ps. 97:6, 9)

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

**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.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 Kings 5:1-15a

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup> Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet

who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”<sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.”<sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing.<sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”<sup>7</sup> And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”<sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.<sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’”<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him.

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

**Gradual:** Nations will fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory. For the LORD builds up Zion; he appears in his glory.

**Epistle: Romans 1:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. <sup>9</sup>For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you <sup>10</sup>always in my prayers,

asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. <sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. <sup>13</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. <sup>14</sup> I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. <sup>15</sup> So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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

**Alleluia \***

**LSB 190**

### **Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 8:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>5</sup> When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed." <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus

said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

<b>Nicene Creed*</b>	<b>LSB 191</b>
<b>Hymn of the Day: O God of God, O Light of Light</b>	<b>LSB 810</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: 839, 618, 619, 760, 403</b>	
<b>Nunc Dimittis*</b>	<b>LSB 199</b>
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Closing Hymn: Hail, O Source of Every Blessing</b>	<b>LSB 409</b>

### Announcements

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to Will Jennings for completing Level 1 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program. Level 1 includes reciting the Ten Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer. Congratulations Will and keep up the good work.

**Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Open House:** CORLHS’s second open house for prospective students is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> with tours from 6:30pm-8:00pm. That evening families will be able to visit the school, tour the facilities, and talk with current students, parents, and teachers. Come see how Christ Our Rock can serve your family. This event is open to all prospective students and families. Transfer students and potential freshmen are encouraged to attend. Interested families not able to attend can contact the school office at 618-226-3315 to receive an information packet and set an appointment to visit the school.

**Messiah Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner:** Messiah Lutheran Church Pork Chop Dinner, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Smoked pork chop, twice baked potato, applesauce, green beans, roll & homemade dessert for \$13.00. Curbside Only.

**Valentine Pork Chop Dinner:** Hoffman Trinity Lutheran School will be hosting the annual Valentine Pork Chop Dinner and Auction **IN PERSON this year!** So get your sweetheart and take them out for lunch, February 12th between 10:45am -1:00pm to get your yummy smoked pork chop, baked potato, green beans, cinnamon applesauce, and a delicious dessert all for only \$12.00. Tickets for children 2-10 will be \$6.00. The annual auction will begin at 1:00pm in the gym. Bidding for the silent auction will be during the meal times. If you wish to see what will be on the auction, please use the Facebook site <https://fb.me/e/3aynsV5lt> or search for it on FB using “Trinity Lutheran Hoffman 2023 Pork Chop dinner & Auction.” All proceeds will go toward the PTL and will be used for the continued education of the students. If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact the school by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps giving a monetary gift is more of what you want to do, just contact the school office at 618-495-2246. Thank you for your continued support! Trinity Hoffman PTL

**Flower Chart:** There is a new flower chart in the office to sign up for special occasions, if you would like to adorn the altar with flowers. Thank you for helping to beautify our church.

**Bake Sale:** Plan now to get a sweet treat! The annual Bake Sale by the Ladies Aid/LWML will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> after the service.

**Ash Wednesday:** Feb 22, 2023 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a soup supper from 5:15pm – 6:30pm. It is early enough for the religion students to be able to enjoy a bowl of supper before class that night. The Siddell family will be making the soup and the Ladies Aid will have the sides and desserts. The free-will offering will go toward CORLHS. Plan now to attend with your family, then come over to church for the Ash Wednesday Divine Service at 7:00pm.

**Food Pantry items needed.** The Matthew 25 food pantry is in need of canned or boxed food items, baking items, spices, personal care items, cleaning supplies, or baby care items. They provide for all in need of food in Clinton County. There is a collection tote in the Coat Room. Please consider bringing a few items each month to help those in need.

**Organ Lessons:** For several months, pastors and lay people from Southern Illinois District Circuit 7 (Carlyle, Hoffman, Ferrin, Centralia) and Circuit 8 (Hoyleton, New Minden, Nashville, Okawville, Venedy) have met at St. John's/New Minden to discuss how to train and encourage a new generation of church musicians to serve in our congregations. This discussion has given birth to Christ Our Song School of Music. Christ Our Song's first step in its goal of training and encouraging is the offering of organ lessons. For lesson location information, costs, and for more information you may call Rev. Dr. Art Eichorn, LCMS Pastor Emeritus at (314) 882-1983. He is a veteran church musician and accomplished organist.

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