

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Septuagesima *February 5, 2023*

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

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

Announcements

Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved **LSB 566**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 32, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:5-6a)

The cords of Sheol entangled me;

The snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the LORD.

From his temple he heard my voice.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

For you save a humble people,

but the haughty eyes you bring down.

[You have] equipped me with strength

and made my way blameless.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,

and sing to your 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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

Collect*: O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory

of Your name; 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: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

Gradual: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. Arise, O LORD! Let not man prevail.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. **10** For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the

sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

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

Tract: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

Apostles' Creed*	LSB 159
Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come	LSB 555
<i>(Stz 4 – Lectern Side, Stz 5 – Pulpit Side)</i>	
Sermon	
Prayer of the Church*	
Offering	
Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own	LSB 781
Benediction*	LSB 166
Closing Hymn: Through Jesus' Blood and Merit	LSB 746

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What Does This Mean: ‘Septuagesima’ comes from the Latin word for “Seventieth.” Septuagesima is approximately 70 days from Easter, which reminds us of the 70 years of captivity which God’ people underwent in Babylon. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of God’s grace alone.

Lenten Devotional: We will be reading through the Large Catechism throughout the Season of Lent. For those who don’t have a copy there are two options. You may access it online at www.bookofconcord.org, or we can order you a hard copy. If you would prefer a hard copy, please let Jackie know by **today February 5th**.

Thank You: The family of Verdell Hermsmeyer wishes to thank Pastor Jennings and our entire Bethlehem Lutheran church family for your generosity, kind words, prayers and expressions of sympathy shown to our family during the loss of Verdell. A special thank you to Pastor Jennings for the beautiful sermon and service for Verdell, and also to the Ladies Aid for arranging and preparing the funeral luncheon. Your love and support means the world to our entire family.

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

Youth Conference This Summer: Higher Things, a Lutheran Organization is holding a youth conference July 18th–21st at Southern Illinois University (Carbondale, IL). The theme “Beyond Reasonable Doubt” will lead us to examine a faith that isn’t a fairytale but will prove it beyond reasonable doubt. You can learn more about it at:

<https://higherthings.org/>. Confirmed youth who are interested can speak with Pastor Jennings or Sara Kuper.

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 20th. 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

Bake Sale: Plan now to get a sweet treat! The annual Bake Sale by the Ladies Aid/LWML is **today February 5th** 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.**

Glow Bingo and Vendor Fair: This is a fundraiser for education and ministry for all the youth of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Ferrin. **Save the Date: March 26, 2023** starting at 4:00pm. Entry is \$15.00. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, you must contact Susan Kleiboeker at (618) 322-5768 by March 12, 2023. If you are interested in participating as a player, you must contact Jeff Kleiboeker at (618) 791-7471 by March 12, 2023. Walk-ins will be available. You are allowed to bring your own snacks and drinks. Concessions will also be sold.

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.

CORLHS Trivia Night: Remember the last time you got to be in a room of friends having fun? Good chance it was our last Trivia Night at Christ Our Rock! This year's Trivia Night is set for **Saturday night March 4th at 6:30pm.** Please mark this on your calendar and save the date. Location will be at the Centralia Museum. Call the school to reserve a table. \$100 for a table of 8, \$15 a chair if you come without a full team. (We'll get you a table at which to sit.) Call Dan or Denise at COR, 618-226-3315.

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