

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Sexagesima *February 12, 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: Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 151

Introit

(Ps. 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a)

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

But you have saved us from our foes

and have put to shame those who hate us.

In God we have boasted continually,

and we will give thanks to your name forever.

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.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Rise up; come to our help!

Kyrie*

LSB 152

This Is the Feast*

LSB 155

Collect*: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

Gradual: Let your enemies know that you alone, whose name is the LORD, are the Most High over all the earth. O my God, make them like whirling dust, like chaff before the wind.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:9-13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

Tract: O God, you have rejected us, broken our defenses; you have been angry; oh, restore us. You have made the land to quake; you have torn it open; repair its

breaches, for it totters. That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer us!

Holy Gospel*: Luke 8:4-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 158
Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide	LSB 585
Sermon	
Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own	LSB 781
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 160
Distribution Hymns:	

Thank the Lord*

LSB 164

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

Announcements

What Does This Mean: ‘Sexagesima’ comes from the Latin word for “sixtieth.” Sexagesima is approximately 60 days from Easter. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of “Scripture Alone.”

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

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.**

Church Game Night: The youth group would like to invite you all to join us for a board game/ card game evening on **February 26th at 6:00pm.** Youth will provide snacks and will have games there that night. Please feel free to bring your favorite games as well to teach the youth!

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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