

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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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 \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Hymn: Let Me Be Thine Forever**

**LSB 689**

**Confession and Absolution\***

**LSB 184**

**Introit**

(Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b-3)

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

**For you are my rock and my fortress;**

**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me!

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;**

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

**Make your face shine on your servant;**

**save me in your steadfast love!**

**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.**

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 152**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 154**

**Collect\*:** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; 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 35:3-7**

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

**Gradual:** You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**Tract:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 18:31-43**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> And taking the twelve, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. <sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

**Apostles’ Creed\***

**LSB 159**

**Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**LSB 685**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Offering**

**Offertory\*: We Give Thee But Thine Own**

**LSB 781**

**Benediction\***

**LSB 166**

**Closing Hymn: “Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake**

**LSB 688**

## Announcements

**What Does This Mean:** Quinquagesima comes from the Latin word for “fiftieth.” Quinquagesima is approximately fifty days from Easter and is the last Sunday prior to the Season of Lent, which starts on Wednesday. Additionally, this Sunday trumpets the Reformation theme of “Faith Alone.”

**Ash Wednesday is February 22nd:** Bethlehem will gather together on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00pm for our Ash Wednesday Divine Service. On this day, the church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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 chili 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.

**Private Confession and Absolution:** The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution during the penitential season of Lent, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

**Lenten Devotional:** Whether it's through Confirmation Class or family devotions, many of us are familiar with the words of the Small Catechism. Yet, how many of us have picked up the Large Catechism and read through it? Luther writes that once you've been taught the Small Catechism, we're to take up the Large Catechism, which gives us a richer and fuller knowledge of God's truths. So, for our Lenten Devotional this year, we will be reading through the Large Catechism. If you don't have a copy, please let Jackie Yardley know, and she will be able to get you a copy. Additionally, you should have a daily reading plan in your mailbox. This Lent, let us be students of the catechism, and joyfully read and take to heart this blessed gift that our church boldly confesses!

**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 18<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**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.

**Open House:** Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's Second Open House for prospective students is scheduled for **Monday, February 27, with tours from 6:30-8:00 pm**. 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.

**CORLHS Trivia Night:** The Christ Our Rock Trivia night is set for **Saturday, March 4, at 6:30pm**. 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.) You don't want to miss out on this fun evening!

**Lutheran Podcast:** 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 on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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