

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Reminiscere*  
*(Second Sunday in Lent)*  
*March 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 \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray** **LSB 663**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit**

(Ps. 25:1-2a, 7-8, 11; antiphon: Ps. 25:6, 2b, 22)

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

For they have been from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult over me.**

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**For your name's sake, O LORD,**

**pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

For they have been from of old.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 152**

**Gloria in Excelsis is omitted**

**Collect\*:** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Genesis 32:22-32**

<sup>22</sup> The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup> And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**Gradual:** The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in

all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

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

**Alleluia is omitted**

**Tract:** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them.

**Holy Gospel\*: Matthew 15:21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

**Apostles' Creed\*** **LSB 159**

**Hymn of the Day: When in the Hour of Deepest Need** **LSB 615**

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Offering**

**Offertory\*** **LSB 159**

**Lord's Prayer & Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: The Will of God Is Always Best** **LSB 758**

**Announcements**

**What does this mean:** The first Sunday in Lent is known as Invocabit, which, in Latin, means, “he shall call” (The ESV translates it, “when he calls”). This is the opening phrase of the Introit: “He shall call upon me and I will answer him” (Psalm 91:15).

**Where did the alleluias go?** Because of the penitential nature of Lent, the church sets aside the Alleluias and Gloria in Excelsis for a time being. It’s as we sing, “Alleluia can’t always be our song while here below; Alleluia, our transgressions make us for a while forgo; For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow” (LSB 417, Stz. 3).

**Midweek Lenten Vespers:** Throughout the Season of Lent, you're encouraged to join us Wednesdays at 7:00pm for our Midweek Lenten Vespers. The theme for these services is 'The Passion of Christ and the Catechism.' The ongoing truths that we find in the Catechism are drawn from the death of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Throughout our Midweek Lenten Services, we will reflect upon this connection and its ongoing application for us through the events and teachings of Christ during His blessed passion.

**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, 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!

**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.

**Christ Our Rock:** Christ Our Rock Lutheran is hosting a 9-pin No Tap Bowling Tournament at Salem Bowl on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. The format will be 3 games with 4 player teams. Students/alumni under 21 (\$25 per person) will bowl at 1:00 p.m. and Adults 21 and over (\$50 per person) will bowl at 4:00 p.m. You can also sponsor lanes for \$100. To register contact Dan Kueper - [dkueper@corlhs.org](mailto:dkueper@corlhs.org) or 618-520-0094.

**Trinity Hoffman Pork Chop Dinner:** The annual Trinity Hoffman Men's Club and Women's Fellowship Pork Chop Dinner will be held **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10:30-1:00**. This will be a drive thru only. Smoked Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Green beans, Applesauce and Dessert. Cost is \$12.00. Hope you can join us.

**Immanuel Lutheran School Okawville:** Immanuel Lutheran School will be having a “drive-thru” breakfast **Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 8:00am-Noon**. Tickets are \$9.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the event. Advance tickets are available from ILS students or at the school office. Breakfast includes 3 pancakes, 2 sausages, scrambled eggs and 2 biscuits & gravy.

**Christ Our Rock:** Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Foundation will be hosting the Christian Comedian, Jeremy Nunes on **Friday, March 24, at 7:00pm**. Tickets for the Comedy Show are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. To reserve tickets contact the school at (618) 226-3315. The new student BBQ club, "Sizzlin Stallions" will also be selling mouth-watering BBQ prior to the Comedy Show from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. You can come for the food only, or stay for the food and laughter! Join us for a fun evening of entertainment!

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