

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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righteousness.

First Sunday after Trinity
June 11, 2023

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The Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise the Almighty

LSB 797

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit

(Ps. 13:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 13:5-6)

O Lord, I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the LORD,

because he has dealt bountifully with me.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;

light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,

lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"

lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

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 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!” Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him.

Epistle: 1 John 4:16-21

¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus,

covered with sores,²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

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| Nicene Creed* | LSB 191 |
| Hymn of the Day: To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray | LSB 768 |
| Sermon | |
| Offertory* | LSB 192 |
| Offering | |
| Prayer of the Church* | |
| Service of the Sacrament* | LSB 194 |
| Distribution Hymns: 696, 732, 618, 619, 728 | |
| Nunc Dimittis* | LSB 199 |
| Benediction* | |
| Closing Hymn: I Know My Faith Is Founded | LSB 587 |

Announcements

VBS: All Aboard! Book your "ticket" for the Celebration Station VBS on June 24, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Preschool building. We don't want the fun to start without you! Taking ages 3 and up. Join us as we celebrate the gift of salvation through Christ

Jesus our Lord! Lunch will be served. Sign up sheets are in the Usher's Room. I'd like all registrations in by June 17th. Woo Woo, don't let the train leave without you! Any questions talk to Deb Albers or Kim Eggerman.

Messiah Carlyle Midweek Vespers: Beginning Wednesday, June 7th to July 26th, we'll be gathering at Messiah on Wednesday evenings for a brief Vespers service, followed by a study of the Gospel of John, led by Seminarian Adam Hiles. The Vespers service will take place from 6:15pm-6:30pm and will be followed by Bible study from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Scholarships: Lutheran Hour Ministry of the Southern Illinois District has scholarships available for college juniors or older who are going into church work. If interested, please contact Steve Kasten at smkasten@netwitz.net or at 21237 Sassafras Road, Hoyleton, IL 62803. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

Summer Help: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is looking for help with our summer care program. We need someone 18 years or older to work from noon - 5:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays or Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. You must take a drug test, be fingerprinted, have a background check, and have a doctor's slip stating you are able to work. Contact 618-532-5434 for more information. You can send a resume and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org.

Full Time Teacher: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is growing!! We are looking for a full time teacher for our preschool 3's and 4's for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Family, please send your resume, transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

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.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

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