

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



## Tenth Sunday after Trinity August 13, 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 \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You** **LSB 668**  
**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

**Introit\***

(Ps. 55:1, 4-5, 16; antiphon: Ps. 55:16a, 17b, 18a, 22a)

I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.

**Cast your burden on the LORD,**  
**and he will sustain you.**

Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

**My heart is in anguish within me;**  
**the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

Fear and trembling come upon me,  
and horror overwhelms me,

**But I call to God,**  
**and the LORD will save me.**

**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.**

I call to God, and he hears my voice;  
he redeems my soul in safety.

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

**Kyrie\***

**LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\***

**LSB 187**

**Collect\*:** O God, You declare Your almighty power above all in showing mercy and pity. Mercifully grant us such a measure of Your grace that we may obtain Your gracious promises and be made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; 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: Jeremiah 8:4-12**

<sup>4</sup>“You shall say to them, Thus says the LORD: When men fall, do they not rise again? If one turns away, does he not return? <sup>5</sup>Why then has this people turned away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return. <sup>6</sup>I have paid attention and listened, but they have not spoken rightly; no man relents of his evil, saying, ‘What have I done?’ Everyone turns to his own course, like a horse plunging headlong into battle. <sup>7</sup>Even the stork in the heavens knows her times, and the turtledove, swallow, and crane keep the time of their coming, but my people know not the rules of the LORD. <sup>8</sup>“How can you say, ‘We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us’? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie. <sup>9</sup>The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them? <sup>10</sup>Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely. <sup>11</sup>They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace. <sup>12</sup>Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD.

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

**Gradual:** Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right!

**Epistle: Romans 9:30–10:4**

<sup>30</sup>What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; <sup>31</sup>but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled

over the stumbling stone,<sup>33</sup> as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” **10** Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup>For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

**Alleluia\***

**LSB 190**

**Holy Gospel\*: Luke 19:41-48**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup> And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side <sup>44</sup> and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.” <sup>45</sup> And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, <sup>46</sup> saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.” <sup>47</sup> And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, <sup>48</sup> but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

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

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 191**

**Hymn of the Day: Lord, to You I Make Confession**

**LSB 608**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**LSB 192**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 194**

**Distribution Hymns: 610, 571, 572 (Tune: 531), 585, 659**

**Nunc Dimittis\***

**LSB 199**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

**LSB 912**

### **Announcements**

**Catechism Learn-By-Heart:** This summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocations.

**Voters' Meeting:** There will be a brief voters' meeting after the Divine Service this morning.

**Thank You:** We want to thank Pastor Jennings, all our relatives and friends for your prayers, expressions of sympathy and cards at the loss of my brothers. It was very much appreciated. Vernon Freund family

**Thank You:** Agape Youth Group would like to thank everyone for supporting us at the Ice Cream Social. Thanks to everyone who braved the questionable weather and came and got food. Thank you to all who donated a yummy cake or pie. We especially want to acknowledge and thank the following: the church members for donating the bounce house, the church members who donated ground beef but asked not to be publicly thanked, Thrivent for a grant to help pay for food cost, Dairy Queen for donating quart containers, Christ our Rock school for allowing us to use their ice machine, congregation members who donated extra money when they bought food or ice cream, and especially the men's club for donating the ice cream mix AND stepping up and helping us pay for a new freezer when the one we used was discovered to not be working 2 days before we needed it! We really appreciate it!

**Ice Cream:** Quarts (\$8) and gallons (\$14) of homemade ice cream are still available. See Sara this morning to pick up some today!

**Rally Sunday:** August 27, 2023 is Rally Sunday. The kids will have breakfast at Sunday School as we “Rally” around God’s Holy Word. They will be singing in church that day too. Students, families and youth are invited for an afternoon of bowling at Bartelso from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Cost is \$3.50 per game. I need final numbers by this Saturday, August 16, 2023. My number is 618-078-3770. Also, if the Lord has put it on your heart to teach Sunday School, please talk to me.

**Ladies Aid/LWML:** Tomorrow evening, August 14, 2023 at 7:00pm we will get back into the swing of monthly gatherings. Devotions and a business meeting are planned for this night. All confirmed women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will collect our Mite offerings and bring along your food pantry items too. Apple butter making will be our main discussion.

**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.

**Confessional Lutherans, We’ve Got Your Back:** 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 at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**Upcoming Events at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School:**

- The 20th Annual Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Tee Off Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, September 17, at Greenview Golf Course in Centralia. Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. with Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. To sponsor or sign up please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.
- Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

**Find Bethlehem on Podbean or Facebook:** Listen to Pastor Jennings sermons on Podbean or our Facebook page. Download the app 'Podbean' to your smartphone. Search for Bethlehem Lutheran church and begin listening.

**This Week in our congregation:**

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School

9:30am Divine Service

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